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More than \$20m bailout needed

By JEFF NAGEL

FOREST RENEWAL B.C. money might be used to extend assistance to struggling logging contractors in Terrace.

Repap owes its northwest contractors and suppliers between \$20 million and \$50 million, according to jobs protection commissioner Doug Kerley.

"The situation is being actively considered by people in government," said Kerley.

Some of Repap's contractors and suppliers haven't been paid for months, leaving them financially destitute.

Skeena MLA Helmut Giesbrecht said he's hopeful FRBC money can be used to provide short-term assistance to keep contractors afloat.

"It's a tough bullet for FRBC to bite," said Giesbrecht. "This is essentially to assist financially strapped companies - and that's really not the mandate of FRBC."

He said it would be a similar deal to the \$4 million FRBC-backed loan program extended to contractors working for Repap in the Stewart area - only a lot bigger.

"The mechanism is in place. All we need is a commitment to float a larger amount," Giesbrecht said. "I told FRBC I wanted \$50 million."

The situation facing Repap's suppliers and contractors is another sign of the financial crisis facing the

company.

The proposed assistance would in theory help contractors stay afloat until after March 12 - when it's hoped Avenor shareholders will vote in favour of the proposed takeover of Repap.

Under the deal, Avenor would pay off Repap's debts within three to six months.

But the darker possibility is that the shareholders reject the deal, likely leading to the bankruptcy of Repap.

Local contractors owed money by Repap say a plan is needed to deal with both possibilities after March 12.

They're meeting today with Giesbrecht and mayor

Jack Talstra.

Today's meeting follows a show of force last Friday when more than 50 local contractors and suppliers - most of them stretched to the limit of their finances - descended on city hall to call for action.

The meeting was moved to the Terrace Inn, where the local logging industry made it clear the situation has reached crisis proportions.

Several contractors said they're on the verge of insolvency and may be forced to stop operations soon.

Contractors said Repap has not paid them anything so far in 1997, and some are still owed for logging that

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■ A lifelong commitment

SCOTT AND EARL Peden have been involved together in Scouts for the last 21 years. Just last week Scott was given an award for the longest youth involvement in scouting in Terrace. He and his father has shared many experiences together, travelling all over the country for scouting events. For story see B1.

College offered ray of hope

THERE'S A good chance Northwest Community College will get Forest Renewal B.C. money to help pay for a natural resources program but there's very little chance of getting anything else to save other programs, says Skeena NDP MLA Helmut Giesbrecht.

He made the comment last week in the midst of continuing controversy and criticism over the college's plan to cut more than half a million dollars and the equivalent of at least 13 full time jobs.

That's being protested by teachers and students who say the cuts will gut the college's ability to offer university level courses.

Teaching and support staff unions have asked the college administration to ask the government for more money. The

unions claim the way the province figures out how much money it will give NWCC doesn't take into account the fact that it's a northern college, serving a small, scattered population.

But Giesbrecht says the government already takes into account those costs. "It's doubtful we'll get anymore," he says. However, he adds it's important that the college continue to provide courses around the region.

Giesbrecht also doubts that a petition and letter writing campaign underway right now will make a difference.

"The government understands the problem. But there isn't a lot more (money) to be had. The solution has to be found within the operation," he added.

For more on the college's problems, see Page A9.

Northwest pact to target wood

Coalition forming to seek local control

A GROUP of municipal and native leaders wants a stake in the northwest forest industry.

Saying that continued reliance on big corporations controlling vast timber holdings works against the interests of the northwest, the group has its eye on financially crippled Repap B.C.

That Montreal-based company is the subject of a takeover by another Montreal company, Avenor.

But the group, which met Feb. 20 in Hazelton, said only local control of northwest forests can provide for a stable industry benefiting the northwest.

The group drafted an agreement for councils and native organizations to sign.

It calls for northwest municipalities and native groups to act as partners in the goal.

Terrace city council has yet to discuss or sign the agreement, but councillor Tim Down, who was at the Feb. 20 meeting, said he was excited at the prospect.

"This could be a great opportunity," Down said. "It may turn into a partnership that's been a long time in coming."

The group's keying on Avenor's proposed takeover of Repap, subject to approval by shareholders from both companies March 12.

If the takeover is approved, Avenor wants to sell Repap's northwestern holdings within 18 months.

That may provide an opportunity for north-

west involvement, says Gitksan leader Don Ryan, one of the organizers of the Feb. 20 meeting.

And if the deal falls through, the group must be in a position to act quickly given the tenuous state of Repap's finances, Ryan added.

He and other Gitksan have talked to bankers and others about the idea of taking over northwest wood holdings.

What's needed, said Ryan, is a better match between the kind of wood there is in the northwest with milling facilities.

"There's no question we have to turn the situation around," said Ryan. "It's now a matter of how we will do it."

The muscle in the group's plan comes from two areas - the five per cent take back of a forest licence when it changes hands and land claims settlements.

Should Avenor take over Repap, it'll have to surrender five per cent of the annual allowable cut Repap now controls. That works out to approximately 120,000 cubic metres a year.

And another five per cent will go to the province later on when Avenor sells off Repap's holdings.

"That five per cent could be used as equity for communities to participate in a partnership," said Ryan.

Much larger amounts of wood should be available for partnerships from northwest land claims settlements, he added.

The group wants to meet with NDP cabinet ministers prior to the March 12 Repap and Avenor shareholder votes.

TERRACE-THORNHILL

Merger offer eases property tax bite

VICTORIA has added \$900,000 to its previous offer aimed at encouraging Terrace and Thornhill to merge.

The latest proposal by the provincial government increases the total restructuring assistance grants from \$1.97 million to \$2.87 million, to be paid out over four years.

But the offer also sets a firm deadline of June 30 for local taxpayers to decide whether they want to take the offer.

Also important, Victoria says all the parts of its original offer last summer remain on the table despite provincial cost-cutting moves since then that have eliminated some of the programs involved.

Mayor Jack Talstra responded Monday night saying the new deal goes considerable distance to ensuring Terrace taxpayers don't take an unfair property tax hit to bring Thornhill on board.

That was the biggest criticism of the original offer last fall after an analysis error was uncovered, making the amalgamation option more expensive. The prospect of Thornhill forming its own municipality was eliminated altogether at that time as being too expensive.

Victoria rejected a range of other demands from the city - a request for downtown east-side revitalization grants, reconstruction of the old Skeena River bridge to two-way traffic, more roadworks in Terrace and water and sewer projects in Thornhill.

Municipal affairs minister Michael Farnworth did say some of those things could

be possible through a revived Canada-B.C. infrastructure works program.

Talstra said he's disappointed there wasn't more to the package, but said he wants to study the proposal further and plug new numbers in to determine the effect on local taxes.

He said it's also important to ensure businesses in Thornhill don't take too hard a tax hit.

Talstra said the new element since last summer has been the reductions in provincial grants to the city that totalled half a million dollars.

"They've taken away \$500,000 out of our budget, and giving us \$900,000 back which has to be split with Thornhill - I'm not sure if we're any further ahead."

Councillor David Hull said he was not surprised by the lack of other incentives given the present state of provincial finances.

The province indicated the deal will not remain on the table after June 30, and Hull said it might be that the time is now right.

"Maybe from here it gets worse," Hull said. "Maybe we're best off to take what we can get now."

The amalgamation option would create a new municipality including Terrace, Thornhill, Braun's Island, north Terrace and the airport lands.

Farnworth's letter indicates that even if restructuring doesn't go ahead he'd agree to a move by the city to extend its municipal boundaries to take in the airport lands.

Mill re-opening puts 200 back on payroll

SKEENA SAWMILLS will be back up and running March 4 but there's no indication when owner West Fraser will send its loggers back to work.

The logging operation will remain shut down until West Fraser is certain the government will reduce the cost of logging in this area, company northwest operations manager Bruce MacNicol said last week.

The mill will chew up the three-month supply of logs sitting in its yard right now while company officials wait for action from Victoria.

"Before we start logging operations we want to see something more specific on what the government is going to do to reduce our logging costs," MacNicol said.

He'd like to see operations resume by June, but said that will depend on what progress is made.

By the time the nearly 200 mill workers go back to work, the shutdown will have lasted 74 days. That's about two weeks short of a 90-day threshold after which time the forests minister can take action against companies undergoing extended closures.

MacNicol says the economics of logging in this area haven't changed. "We're going to continue to lose significant amounts of money," he said.

West Fraser was losing \$1 million a month through the local mill prior to the Dec. 23 shutdown.

MacNicol said the government isn't going to retroactively reduce costs of logs already harvested, so the company might as well mill what's already in the yard. "We're going to have to eat the loss on those anyway," he said.

Another factor is extending the shutdown further would begin to lead to the loss of experienced workers, he added. MacNicol denied the suggestion the shutdown was aimed

at bludgeoning concessions out of Victoria. "It had nothing to do with politics at all," he said. "We don't believe in playing political games with our people. It was an economic shutdown. We were basically in a box."

MacNicol said major changes are needed if the forest industry here is to avoid more of the same.

"If these things aren't fixed in the long term, the local industry is going to continue being in a lot of trouble," he said.

The announcement of the mill's restart came last Thursday — two days after new financial reports indicated West Fraser Timber recorded the highest profits of any B.C. forest company in 1996.

West Fraser's earnings came in at \$95.8 million for the year, far higher than the next nearest rival — MacMillan Bloedel, which earned \$51 million.

The numbers would have been even higher for West Fraser if it hadn't factored into fourth-quarter results an anticipated \$10 million in duty it expects to pay for exceeding its quota. That dropped fourth-quarter earnings to \$20.1 million.

West Fraser shareholders enjoyed an 11.8 per cent return on equity for 1996 — also the highest of any firm in the B.C. forest industry.

MacNicol said the company will run money-losing operations like Skeena Sawmills for periods of time, but says there has to be some prospect for improvement on the long term.

"If it was a short-term problem or just low markets, yeah we would have kept it running," he said. "And we have kept it running for the last year and a half despite those conditions. And we will run it for the next three months."

FROM FRONT

Contractors look to FRBC

was carried out in December.

Justin Rigby of Almwood Logging and Clear Creek Contracting said many contractors will run out of money before the March 12 vote date.

"We were planning on shutting down very shortly," said Frank Cutler of K'Shian Construction. "A million dollars is a small figure for what we're owed."

Logging contractor Greg Main, of Main Logging, said assistance is needed immediately. "We need that money back here now. Not next week or next month."

Mayor Talstra said the city cannot afford to have Repap or any of its contractors go bankrupt. "That would be devastating to this community," he said.

Contractors said a long-term solution to the high costs of logging now crippling the industry is also needed.

Giesbrecht said there's no legislation now that requires forest companies to pay their contractors within a certain period of time. He's suggesting that ought to change.

"This is a people's resource that's supposed to benefit all of the people," Giesbrecht said.

Mayor suggests new party for northerners

THE NORTH has been mistreated for too long, and maybe it's time for northerners to form their own political party.

That was the suggestion of Terrace mayor Jack Talstra Monday night as frustration with the region's treatment from Victoria boiled over on several fronts.

"There's something wrong with the way we've operated this province," Talstra said. "Maybe we need a northern political party. We need something."

In the province's formulas that govern education, health care, and timber stumpage, unique differences that set this part of the province apart aren't taken into account, he said.

"It's just nonsense what Mills Memorial Hospital has had to go through," he noted.

Council also heard a delegation Monday night protesting planned cuts to second-year courses at Northwest

Community College.

And Talstra said the latest crisis involving the forest industry underscores the need for region-by-region treatment of complex problems, like the stumpage set for pulp logs.

"Formulas set province-wide are set by people who live in the south, who are elected in the south, but who extract things in the north," he said.

"You can't operate a province the size of several countries in Europe in one uniform manner," he said. "It's not right. It's ridiculous."

Talstra said northerners may need to find new ways of getting governments to listen.

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Manalta Coal Ltd. has applied to the Environmental Assessment Office for a Project Approval Certificate under the *Environmental Assessment Act* to develop the Telkwa Coal Project located near Telkwa, in the Bulkley Valley, in northern British Columbia. The project will mine up to one and a half million tonnes of coal annually for a mine life of 25 years. The construction workforce will peak at 170 to 200 persons over a 12 to 15 month period with an operating workforce at 120 to 140 employees over the 25 years.

The application may be viewed at the following locations:

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Hazelton Public Library Vancouver Public Library (Level 4)

OR

at the

Environmental Assessment Office Registry at 1st Floor,
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The Environmental Assessment Office invites comments on the application to ensure that public issues and concerns are identified, considered and addressed. All submissions will be available to the public through the Project Registry. Therefore, your name and address will be filed in full on the Registry unless you indicate in your submission that you want your address to be treated in confidence.

Comments on the application for a Project Approval Certificate for the Telkwa Coal Project should be forwarded by May 5, 1997 to:

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Environmental Assessment Office
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Telephone: (250) 356-7479
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Local man recovering from Telkwa shooting

LOCAL RESIDENT John Rowat, 32, has undergone major surgery after a bullet shattered a bone in his arm Feb. 19.

The shooting took place in Telkwa and RCMP have charged Harvey Kroetsch of that village with aggravated assault and assault with a weapon.

Rowat was shot with a large handgun. He was first taken to hospital in Smithers and then to hospital in Prince Rupert before being flown to Vancouver General Hospital.

Kroetsch appeared in provincial court in Smithers last week and was released on \$5,000 bail under strict conditions. His next court appearance is March 3. The Telkwa man faces five other charges in relation to the incident.

Student seeks Tory nod

AN 18-year-old university student from Prince Rupert is running for the Progressive Conservative party nomination in Skeena.

Kent Glowinski, a first-year political science and French student at McGill University in Montreal, is the first Tory candidate to step forward. A nomination meeting is expected in April, but no date has been set.

He campaigned for former Conservative leader Kim Campbell and Skeena candidate Danny Sheridan in 1993.

He wanted to run in last spring's provincial election while finishing private schooling in Victoria. But he failed in his challenge of age requirements, so he campaigned on behalf of a Victoria-area B.C. Reform candidate instead.

But Glowinski says he grew up with native friends in Prince Rupert and as a result is no fan of Skeena Reform MP Mike Scott's stance on native issues.

"I really think his view is one that is very non-aboriginal," he says. "It's a very Euro-centric view without any ability to lean towards an objective view."

Clarification

A FEB. 19 story incorrectly stated Repap was to get money from Forest Renewal B.C. to replant old clearcuts.

In fact, the multi-million dollar, multi-year agreement covers only spacing, pruning, brushing and weeding projects in areas already planted.

Forest Renewal does, however, give out money to replant old, logged-off areas but that's not part of this particular deal with Repap.

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Environmental Health Issues: Food Allergies

I too was caught up in endless delays attempting to get home for Christmas. At least one of them was of interest. All traces of nuts had to be removed from the airplane. A young child was so intensely allergic that even the smell would send him into a life threatening anaphylactic shock.

It seems to be becoming an all too common phenomenon. Some experts believe higher rates may be because of increased exposure to chemicals in the environment. Because of immunologic and intestinal immaturity, children are four times more likely to have allergies to food than adults. Whatever the reason, because of the severity of the consequences, we should all be aware of food allergies.

Ordinarily the immune system is a fascinating and efficient army of kamikazes, tanks, spies, demolitions experts and generals. In a true food allergy, the

body's immune system recognizes a reaction-provoking substance, or allergen, in the food -- usually a protein, as a foreign invader and produces antibodies

(wheezing, or severe breathing problems)

The most common offending foods are cow's milk, nuts (especially peanuts), eggs, wheat, fish, shellfish, and soy. Sulphiting agents and MSG can also cause serious allergy-like symptoms.

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to halt the "invasion". As the battle rages, symptoms appear throughout the body. The most common sites are the mouth (swelling of the lips), digestive tract (stomach cramps; vomiting, diarrhea), skin (hives, rashes or eczema), and the airways

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She started working on the design and had a few friends try them out. They thought the product was great and encouraged her to go into business.

As a Special Education Assistant, Deborah was laid off every June until the next school year, leaving her without employment throughout the summer. Deborah had always been interested in owning her own business and felt now was the time to do it. So she took her friends advice and started to explore the world of self-employment.

To help her get started, Deborah turned to the Community Futures Development Corporation. "Community Futures was great. They were very supportive and helped me find the information I needed to open my business," says Deborah.

In August, 1996 Deborah opened GEMware Manufacturing.

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Once Deborah had the design perfected, she needed to look at how she was going to market the product. She decided that the Sit-U-On would be a unique item to be used for fund raising instead of the usual chocolates etc. "With my involvement over the years, volunteering for many associations, I realized the importance for an organization to raise money in order to

operate," says Deborah. "I thought this may be the perfect product for them."

Deborah feels there is a lot of room to grow in her business. As the Sit-U-On gets more exposure, Deborah expects the orders to come pouring in. So that she is ready for that growth, Deborah has lined up three other seamstresses. They will work on contract out of their own homes, providing them with the same flexibility that she enjoys now that she is in business for herself.

"Opening my own business has been great. Even though I'm working harder than I've ever worked before, I now have the flexibility to spend more time with my family," says Deborah.

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Health body to disappear this spring

THE LONG delayed new way in which health care is managed in the area could begin to take shape this week.

Health minister Joy MacPhail is to release soon the names of those on the Terrace Community Health Council.

It'll be responsible for the major health care facilities in the area. That's now the job of the Terrace Regional Health Care Society due to close down this spring.

In many respects the two groups are one and the same as the society already has people sitting on an existing version of the health council.

The new council is to administer the larger health care facilities such as Mills Memorial Hospital, Terraceview Lodge and the Osborne group home — already under the wing of the health care society.

Before the new body takes over, the health care society has to disappear. That paperwork process is to start tomorrow night when the health care society votes on a motion to blend itself in with the council.

For health care society chair Olga Power it means the beginning of the end of several years of waiting for the government to figure out what it wanted to do.

Power said she's confident the new health council will continue the work of the health care society.

But she did say some of the major changes undertaken by the society were unfortunately delayed because of the uncertainty of when it would turn into a community health council. "We had been keeping things at a status quo," said Power.

She noted that the society was one of the first in the province to gather health care services together. That happened in 1988 when the boards governing Mills and Terraceview merged to form the Terrace Regional Health Care Society.

Power won't be part of the new health council, saying she agreed to stay on as chair of the health care society until its powers are transferred.

Also set to disappear is the governing structure of the Skeena Health Unit. It'll be run by a society consisting of northwestern community health councils and a health ministry representative.

None of the health unit's tasks are due to be transferred over to the community health councils.



■ That's a lot of pennies!

212 KG OF PENNIES were collected by Danny Biggs, Ben Spangl and other students at Uplands Elementary. The money will be put towards automating the library at the school. Staff estimate the pennies are worth about \$916.

News in Brief

Pilots stage picket

FIVE STRIKING Air B.C. pilots staged a brief informational picket Feb. 21 at the airport to publicize their dispute with their employers and its owner, Air Canada.

Air B.C.'s pilots hit the bricks earlier this month after talks with Air Canada aimed at giving them more access to Air Canada jobs broke off.

The pilots, who drove to Terrace from the lower mainland, said they don't want to take jobs from Air Canada pilots but do want equal access to employment prospects with the company.

This strike has affected operations of all of Air Canada's feeder airline subsidiaries across the country.

Air B.C. has chartered aircraft from other companies, including Central Mountain Airlines in Smithers, to provide service during the strike.

In the meantime, Halifax police are investigating an assault that took place against Central Mountain employees in that city.

Central Mountain has aircraft covering Air Canada subsidiary Air Nova's routes in the Maritimes. Employees of Central Mountain report that a vehicle they were driving was surrounded by other vehicles and that a physical altercation took place with occupants of those vehicles.

Clark plugs into youth

YOUNG PEOPLE can now tell Glen Clark directly what they think of him.

The premier announced last week the creation of a new web site called A Voice for Youth, which will allow young people to communicate with him.

Clark, who is also the minister responsible for youth, made the announcement at the second annual Premier's Youth Forum, where young people from across the province meet with the premier to discuss youth-related issues.

Over the next few months the site will be enhanced to include links to other important sites, interactive features, job postings and university information. Also tapping into the Internet is the federal government which is putting up a site aimed at providing job information to young people.

The address of the provincial government's youth site is www.youth.gov.bc.ca

Drunk driver guilty

A KAMLOOPS man has been found guilty of several charges relating to the 1994 death of 15-year-old Stewart resident Sonia Exner.

Colin William Russell was found guilty of criminal negligence causing death, impaired driving causing death and failing to remain at the scene of an accident.

The charges related back to an accident in Stewart December 14, 1994.

Sentencing will take place in Kamloops May 7, 1997. Until then, Russell has been released on \$1,500 bail after surrendering his passport and driver's licence to police.

Hospital left in dark about budget hike

IT'LL BE several months before Mills Memorial Hospital finds out if it'll get more money.

Although the provincial government announced last week it'll pump an extra \$83 million into hospitals this year, how that applies to individual facilities hasn't been worked out.

A health ministry spokesman said that kind of detail won't be available until after the health ministry's budget is presented as part of the provincial government's total budget sometime this spring.

And even then a ministry committee will look

at the needs of each hospital before deciding if they should get anything at all.

"They'll look at population demographics, utilization management, how a hospital sits in relation to its peers," said Susan Gee.

Michael Leisinger, the chief executive officer at Mills, says he'd be glad even if the hospital's budget is frozen.

"It's still better than being cut," noted Leisinger of what's going on in Ontario where hospitals have taken budget decreases of six per cent.

Mills did receive an increase last year — \$4,000 on a budget of approximately \$12 million — after years of being frozen.

The \$83 million increase province-wide works out to 2.8 per cent on last year's hospital budget of \$2.97 billion. Leisinger did note that roughly half of the amount is devoted to new equipment, decreasing waiting lists and new programs in areas of high population growth and aging populations.

That'll leave roughly \$40 million for general operating cost increases, he said.







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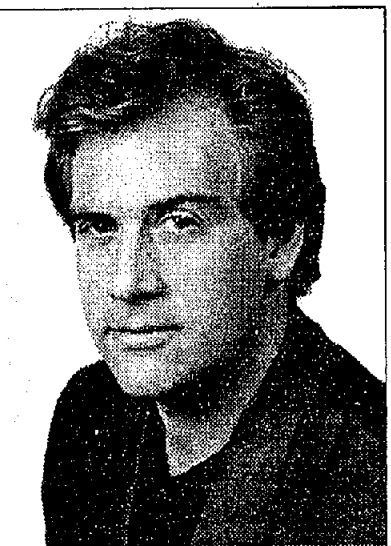
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Taxes, taxes

WE LIVE in such an odd world.

Federal finance minister Paul Martin releases a budget last week in which there are no new overt tax increases. For this we're supposed to be eternally grateful. It's almost as if we're to say thanks for stopping a beating.

Before we get carried away in thinking we got off lightly, consider that the budget continues three years of deep cuts to services. In a sense we're still paying higher taxes than ever before for enjoying fewer and fewer services than in the past.

And let's not forget that while Mr. Martin did not impose new taxes, we will be paying more whether we like it or not.

One of the areas of increase is the Canada Pension Plan, whereby our contributions are scheduled to nearly double — up to 9.9 per cent — by the turn of the century.

And there's the change to indexing, the system which recognizes the impact of inflation as a way to buffer tax increases. This is particularly powerful and nasty when it comes to the percentage of income tax we pay based on what we earn. Indexing now kicks in when inflation is at three per cent in that it raises the amounts we can earn before we hit the next level of income tax.

Yet with inflation below three per cent, even a one or two percent wage increase can push us over time to the next level of taxation and that can be a terrible shock to the system.

But the ultimate prize for evil tax increases in the past while goes to the provincial government for its massive increase in what it charges to process a will.

The cost used to be \$6 for every \$1,000 that's in an estate. It's now skyrocketed to \$14 on each \$1,000 above an estate's value of \$50,000. And that lays to rest the old saying the only two sure things in life are death and taxes. There are now taxes after death.

Just like 1993

THE COMING federal election looks almost to be a replay of the 1993 contest judging from the list of contenders. Barring a world war or some other disaster, MP Mike Scott will once again be the Reform party candidate and Rhoda Witherly is a sure bet to repeat as the Liberal one.

Yet the most interesting repeater is Dr. Isaac Sobol, the Nass Valley physician who ran last time for the now-defunct National party. He's now one of two declared candidates for the New Democratic Party nomination.

Dr. Sobol was very much the Energizer bunny of the 1993 campaign — he kept going and going and going with a charming brand of innocence and patriotism.

The question is, should Dr. Sobol be the NDP candidate, whether he can blend in that style with the more rigid party structure of the NDP. That party carries also carries lot of old baggage which could drain the doctor's power source.

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Pair tangles with big guns

VICTORIA — If you push people around long enough, they will fight back. Just ask Premier Glen Clark and four of his cabinet ministers, who have been got slapped with subpoenas.

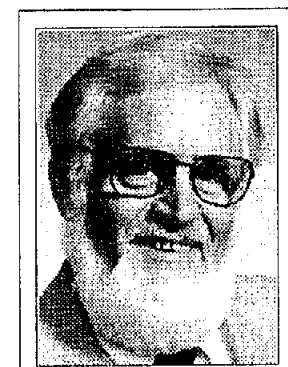
After fighting with the B.C. Forest Service for nearly seven years, a Cariboo rancher couple have had it with bureaucratic and political chicanery. Paulette Ernst and Bob Hart of Quesnel want their day in court.

Ernst and Hart are suing the B.C. government for \$3.36 million in damages they claim to have suffered at the hands of the forest service.

The story is a familiar one. I have documented a number of cases, similar to what happened to Ernst and Hart. Ranchers allegedly run afoul of forest service regulations, get fined, have their bank accounts seized, and eventually are left in financial ruin.

A recent piece I did on the problems a helicopter logger has getting permission to do salvage logging in an area destroyed by fire, raised the ire of the forest ministry.

A letter by Janna Kumi, assistant deputy minister, operations division, which points out some "significant flaws" in my column, will be appearing shortly in your friendly neigh-



FROM THE CAPITAL

HUBERT BEYER

bourhood newspaper. But back to Ernst and Hart.

Unlike some of the people whose brushes with the forest service I've written about before, Ernst and Hart aren't quite in the poor house yet. They have enough resources left to fight back and are determined to do so with a vengeance.

To that end, the couple, in their opening shots, are going after the premier, the current and three past forest ministers. Subpoenas naming Glen Clark, David Zirnelt, Andrew Pette, Dennis Streifel and Dan Miller, were filed in British Columbia Supreme Court February 13. The defendants have until March 15 to respond.

Here's a brief history of the case that led to the current

legal battle: In March 1990, Ernst and Hart were awarded a licence of occupation by the lands ministry. They intended to clear the property subject to the licence and put it into agricultural production.

According to the management plan, attached to an agricultural lease, clearing is defined as "cutting and removing all timber, brush, windfalls, stumps and rubbish, except for trees designated for preservation, on the land designated as arable as set out in the clearing plan."

Ernst and Hart proceeded with the clearing of the land in question, when the forests ministry got into the act, claiming jurisdiction over the land, extracting a \$500,000 deposit from them, and refusing them a timber mark which allows shipment of logs.

Next, the ministry pressured Ernst and Hart into paying stumpage fee in the amount of \$423,000, when under the lands ministry's legislation, no such fee is called for.

The forests ministry repeatedly stopped clearing operations and otherwise interfered with the ranchers' attempts to clear the land. The ministry also charged Ernst and Hart with trespassing, when the agricultural land lease legislation clearly ex-

empts ranchers from trespassing.

Needless to say, the forests ministry claims to have acted in accordance with its mandate. Eventually, the parties agreed to put the case before the provincial ombudsman, who eventually made certain recommendations to the government.

The ombudsman's findings are confidential, but Ernst and Hart say Dulcie McCullam ruled in their favour and recommended that the government settle with them, which the forests ministry refused to do.

A few weeks ago, I met with forests minister David Zirnelt, at his request. He wanted to give me his ministry's side of the cases I had written about. If I learned one thing during the meeting it was that red tape and bureaucratic mazes all but preclude anyone from doing business with the ministry.

Mere mortals, including forest ministers, are no longer able to find a way out of the bureaucratic maze. Perhaps a judge can. Ernst and Hart are to be congratulated for taking the matter to court.

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Looking for beds is stupid

BRITISH COLUMBIA has no central registry of intensive care (ICU) beds!

When a cardiologist in the north needs to transfer a patient to a major hospital for a specialized surgery, he has to sit on the phone like a telemarketer, sometimes up to 12 hours a day, phoning cardiac surgeons at one major lower mainland hospital after another to locate an available bed. If one exists.

This practice is wacky. Archaic. Unacceptable.

First, patients in need of urgent treatment often wait too long. Sometimes so long the wait proves fatal.

Second, highly qualified doctors shouldn't spend their precious time doing what any sensible Mrs. Wiggins or Ernestine could do.

The average medical specialist has 12 or more years of expensive, rigorous training



THROUGH BIFOCALS

CLAUDETTE SANDECKI

behind him. Why should he waste his unique expertise and valuable time sorting out bed bugs?

Only when an empty ICU bed is found should the attending physician become involved in the transfer, explaining why the bed is needed, what sort of care the patient requires.

Apparently, health ministry

rules demand patient transfers be arranged physician-to-physician. Intermediaries won't do. Perhaps this is a roundabout way to reduce doctors' billings. Certainly the practice contributes nothing to efficiency or good use of expert training.

Why doesn't B.C. have a central registry of ICU beds? Our local driver registration office is linked by computer to Victoria. Your application goes directly to head office for speedy processing.

Loomis uses a computerized tracking system capable of pinpointing the whereabouts of any cargo at any moment.

And one of my Edmonton suppliers has branch warehouses in Vancouver and Mississauga. Whenever I phone in an order, the computer operator can tell me instantly how many yards of a pattern she has available and

whether it's in Edmonton or one of the other two warehouses.

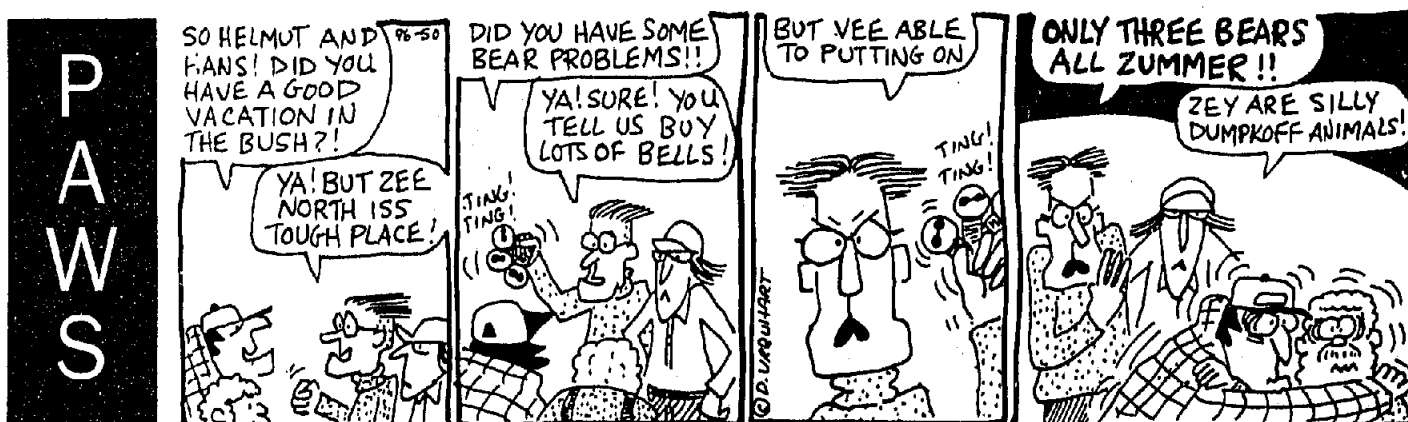
As far back as 1975 United Van Lines used a teletype machine in every branch office to keep track of household shipments as they moved from Gibsons to Moncton.

Yet B.C. doesn't know how many empty ICU beds it has or where they are. Any travel agent or hotel chain reservations clerk could help health minister Joy MacPhail set up an efficient, up-to-the-minute registry, accessible to every doctor in the province.

For years in some cases decades, students in portables have waited for new schools to be built. Now critically ill patients wait hours in ambulances for beds to be found.

Where's our public outrage?

So long as we're not personally affected, we quietly kowtow.



Despair grips logging families

Industry of good jobs now leads to the welfare lines

By JEFF NAGEL

SHELDON MITCHELL and Eldon Haugan are not your average welfare bums.

They're loggers and proud of it.

And they're furious that government policies on several fronts are pushing them and dozens of other forest industry workers towards poverty.

"I've been a logger all my life," says Mitchell. "I'm not a crook. I don't steal. I pay my taxes. I don't like being on welfare."

"I've gone from making a good living for me and my family to being this close to being homeless."

Mitchell and Haugan put the blame for the present situation of mill and logging closures squarely at the feet of the provincial government.

But they say the effect of Victoria's policies on loggers has been multiplied by the federal government's move to drastically tighten restrictions on Unemployment Insurance benefits.

Mitchell's a 41-year-old high-lead hook tender who's worked in the logging industry since he was 19.

Last year, he was out of work for the first half of the year because of logging slowdowns.

When they finally went back to work in July, he discovered the logging outfit he worked for was also grappling with cash-flow trouble because of the lack of work and delayed payments from Repap.

He was already beginning to have trouble supporting his common-law wife and their four children and paying the \$875 a month rent on their house when the contractor changed its camp food policy: loggers would have to pay for their own food up front and be reimbursed later on.

Mitchell couldn't afford it and started going



A FAMILY UNDER SIEGE: Logger Sheldon Mitchell and his family have gone from a good job and a nice rented house to welfare, food stamps and the threat of homelessness.

without meals in camp to keep food on the table for his family back home.

"In the 20-some years I've been in the bush I've never had to worry about eating when I'm in a camp situation," he said.

Finally, Mitchell, who was already owed two weeks' pay, begged the company for a \$75 advance for food, but was turned down.

He heard there was work with another contractor, Main Logging Ltd., so on Oct. 23 he quit his job.

He did manage to get work at Main about 10 days later — a job that would allow him to return home to the family each day instead of staying in camp.

But heavy snows shut down the logging operation just a few days later and Mitchell was laid off.

He applied for employment insurance — the new term for UI — and was rejected.

Because he quit his previous job, he was told he

no longer qualified for the 12 weeks worth of payments that he would otherwise have received.

Mitchell appealed, armed with a doctor's letter that said working without eating wasn't safe. He argued that gave him just cause to quit.

He was rejected again.

What really rankles him is that he would have qualified for EI if he had the job at Main confirmed before he quit.

"If I have a layoff slip and I have a job, I should be entitled to the weeks I'd already qualified for."

Mitchell sent their children out of town to stay with friends and relatives over Christmas, because it was clear there wouldn't be any holiday cheer at home.

Since then he's been embroiled in a wrestling match with Social Services officials to get emergency welfare payments to keep up the rent on the family's house and keep food on the table.

"I'm as low as I can go," Mitchell says. "It's just got to go up from here."

Eldon Haugan, 39, also works — at least in theory — for Main Logging.

Some of the company's loggers are working, but both Haugan and Mitchell are lower on the seniority ladder and missed the cut.

Haugan says the 26 weeks of work it now takes to re-qualify for employment insurance payments is almost unattainable for the seasonal worker.

He says a logger already stretched to the limit who's laid off probably has to turn to the hardship allowance.

That money then gets deducted from EI payments, once they start arriving.

In Haugan's case, his EI payments will run out in April — about two months before Main Logging expects to be able to send him back to work.

At that point he will have to turn to social assistance.

He recently had to stop giving his son his \$10 weekly allowance.

He tries not to drive his truck right now — he can't afford to put gas in it.

And he's not sure where he'll get money to pay for saw repairs and gas in June.

"By the time I can start putting money down against my bills, it'll be July or August, and then there's just three months left," Haugan says.

"We're becoming members of the working poor."

Haugan's delivering resumes these days, hoping to land an \$8 or \$10 an hour job — a far cry from the \$23 an hour he made logging.

There are dozens more loggers like them — out of work and joining the EI or welfare lines.

For guys like Mitchell and Haugan, the promise of Forest Renewal B.C. so far remains a cruel joke.

"How do we get hooked up with that stuff," demands Mitchell. "Where do we get the money to get a crew together to go clean creeks? We'll do it. How do we get hooked up with it?"

For Haugan, who has done a lot of self-employed work thinning and spacing, cutthroat competition for reforestation jobs is another problem.

Jobs go to the lowest bidder, he says, and the work in some cases is getting bid down to the equivalent of \$7 an hour.

State of industry gives little hope for workers

By ELDON HAUGAN

I'VE BEEN in the work force for over 20 years and have never seen the logging industry in such dire shape.

I can remember working through breakups just to have wood ahead for when the roads were capable of being hauled on again.

When companies can't afford to stay in business because of stumpage rates and our government's inability to address the logging industry's concerns, it makes you wonder if the government knows what it's doing.

The B.C. logger and reforestation worker is traditionally a seasonal worker. With the changes to U.I.C. regulations a worker has a very difficult time even getting enough weeks to qualify.

And very often with the current condition of our industry, a worker's U.I.C. runs out before he can get back to work.

I've worked in reforestation for over 10 years and because of poor bidding and out-of-town and out-of-province competition, working at spacing, pruning, and brushing and weed very often keeps a worker broke.

The fact is all equipment and supplies have to come out of your paycheck.

There has to be a set price that will be acceptable, rather than always accepting the lowest bid.

I also believe that preference should be shown for our local and more experienced contractors. That way the same job won't have to be done twice as I have seen quite often when contractors who are unfamiliar with

reforestation in the northwest have done poor and unfinished work due to bidding too low.

Being unemployed is not my preference, especially when I have to go to welfare for assistance because I can't afford to wait a month before my U.I.C. comes through.

And once it does come through I have to play catch up for the next two months because it all has to be paid back.

Growth doesn't come when the industry is shut down six months of the year.

What happens is that my children have to go without, my creditors do without and I find everything getting further and further behind.

The stress of being behind on all your bills, being unable to care for your family properly and never knowing when you'll be able to find work again destroys confidence, self-esteem and in many cases breaks up marriages because of economic pressures that just can't be handled on U.I.C. or welfare.

I'm recently separated but that doesn't stop the payments that I have to make.

I would like to see our government representatives live on a thousand to

twelve hundred dollars a month; they likely spend that on a weekend.

We need a healthy and profitable logging and reforestation industry where a worker can see a future where he can maintain his dignity and provide for his family properly as well as have a future.

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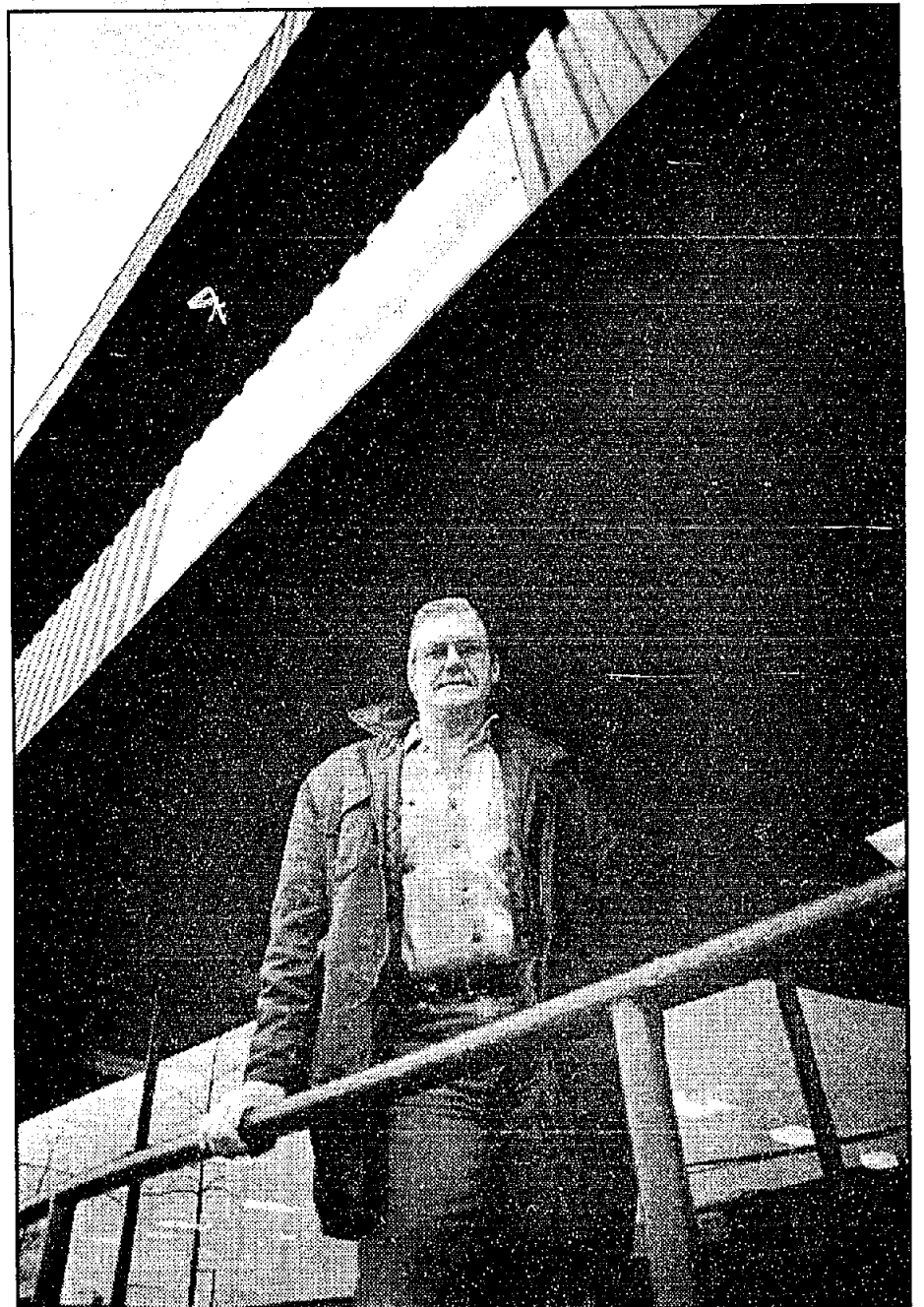
When a parent can't even give his son his allowance, can't afford to drive his truck, make his payments, or purchase parts for his saws or vehicles you soon realize that any dreams of owning your own home or seeing your children through college are as remote as visiting Mars in person.

I would like to learn the skills of running heavy-duty equipment, but when the jobs are so few, no company is willing to go to the expense to train a new operator.

I could have found work running a processor at almost any time but how and where do I get enough experience to be able to apply for this kind of work? I certainly haven't seen any such course anywhere near enough for me to attend.

The discouragement felt when an experienced worker can't even find enough work to get his stamps for shutdown is tremendous. The loss of self esteem and the pressures of unpaid bills is destroying the ability of our work force to think positive about any kind of economical growth.

Eldon Haugan is an unemployed logger and reforestation worker in Terrace.



UNEMPLOYED LOGGER Eldon Haugan pauses on the railing outside of the Canada Employment Centre. He says it's up to the provincial government to address the situation throwing loggers out of work.

Facts in brief

HERE'S WHAT'S new when it comes to the federal government's employment insurance program.

■ Hours are counted instead of weeks. A minimum of 420 to 700 hours (the equivalent of 12 to 20 weeks of 35 hours each) is required, depending upon the unemployment rate of the region in which a worker lives.

■ If you are filing a claim after your first job, or after an absence of two years or more from the workforce, you now require 910 hours to qualify.

■ A minimum of 700 hours of work is required to qualify for sickness, maternity or parental benefits.

■ The number of payable weeks is 15 to 45, depending upon the number of hours of insurable employment and the rate of unemployment in your area.

■ The new maximum amount a person can receive each week is \$413.

■ The premium rate has been lowered as of this January.

■ The normal benefit rate of 55 per cent can be lowered depending upon your claims history after July 1996.

■ You can earn \$50 a week or 25 per cent of your benefit, whichever is greater, without a benefit loss.

UI changes hit seasonal workers

'Employment Insurance' name for leaner system

NOT ONLY is it harder to collect employment insurance nowadays, but the federal government wants those who do to take more responsibility in getting off the dole.

Employment insurance is the new name for unemployment insurance and reflects the government's intention to change the idea that payments are considered part of a person's overall income stream.

Changes made six months ago reduce the amount that can be collected, reduces the collection period, extends the number of work weeks needing to qualify and can result in claw backs depending upon a person's income level.

And now those who do collect are being required to come with plans to lessen the chances of ever collecting again.

Shirley Kimery, the manager of Human Resources Development Canada here, says the new way provides more flexibility in dealing with people.

"The responsibility to look for work is still there, but now we can spend time with those who don't have work for one reason or the

other," she says.

Elaine Hall, who works with those collecting employment insurance, says that those who have worked in one industry for years may not have interview or job resume skills.

One group they are concentrating on are seasonal workers who may go through extended layoffs.

"These people looked at UI has part of their earnings for the year and that's not the intent," Hall added.

Part of the new plan is steering away from the wholesale financing of projects to employ people collecting employment insurance.

"We have totally gone from project-based group activities to individually-based needs," said Hall.

That involves asking people what they think they need to find more steady work and developing a plan in that direction.

No longer is Human Resources Development Canada buying training "seats" in various programs around town and then simply steering people toward them.

Instead, Hall and others will work out a budget with individuals and provide them with

the amount of money they need to take training courses.

In some cases it may be paying tuition for a college course or just for gas so a person can get to the college, said Hall.

"We're looking to work with the least amount of money we can but still ensure a person can become productive," she said.

That not only reduces costs per person but can more money available to more people.

Money for training comes from a separate account within the employment insurance system.

Kimery notes that employment insurance is now financed completely by employee and employer contributions without injections of general tax monies.

The employment insurance program now has a surplus estimated at \$5 billion and that's expected to grow substantially since payments were reduced and with fewer people now collecting.

The federal government last week cut the contribution rate for employers and employees, effective in 1997, for the third time in three years.

The surplus has drawn calls for deeper cuts by the government says a surplus is still needed in case of a drastic downturn in the economy.

CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE TERRACE STANDARD

The Mail Bag

In defence of skiing

Dear Sir:

I'm responding to Claudette Sandeck's recent column on Shames Mountain versus a second sheet of ice.

I've skated and skied and snowboarded. I now prefer snowboarding and appreciate having a first class mountain within a 30 minute drive from my front door. I can't think of many other resorts that can say that and at \$370 a season for an early bird adult pass, it's a down right bargain.

Maybe an ice rink is available 7 days a week, but who is primarily using it? I'm sure any extra ice time will be allotted to minor hockey and though I don't dispute the fact that minor hockey could use extra ice time, the general public will still only get the scraps.

Shames Mountain doesn't discriminate. It's open five days a week to everyone. Nobody has to sit on the sidelines and wait for their turn or plan their schedule around a certain time.

Claudette argues that Shames Mountain isn't within walking distance to town. True, but it is within 30 minutes of Terrace and that's pretty excellent when you consider that most people in the lower mainland have to drive a few hours to get to snow anywhere near the quality and quantity that we have.

User fees. A \$370 price for an early bird adult pass is a bargain. I average about 50-60 visits a year, higher than most people, I realize. Still, if it really boiled down to skating around in mindless circles for \$4 or \$5 for an hour and a half, or ripping up the powder for 7 hours at an average of \$6 an hour, I'll take the powder, thank you!

I wonder if Claudette has even stopped to consider that a lot of people come from out of town to ski or ride Shames. I frequently see vehicles with licence plates from the east and the U.S. up there. We're talking revenue here, not only for Shames, but for Terrace and the surrounding communities. I've never heard of anyone coming all the way from Oregon just to use our ice rink!

So, all ages can use the ice rink, huh? With less risk of injury? I've skated for 27 years and skied/snowboarded for 24 years. So far I've gotten 13 stitches and a sprained wrist from skating when I fell and cracked my head open on the ice. I've gotten a sprained ankle from skiing (only because it was my first time out) and I have yet to injure myself snowboarding. I'd rather my mother take up snowboarding and fall on soft, forgiving snow than fall on ice and break her hip or her elbow. I'm not ready to look after her yet. I still want to snowboard.

Yes, skates are cheaper to rent than skis, but we're back to the old skating in circles again. However, you can get good second hand ski or snowboarding equipment at ski swaps. In the long run, it's still cheaper than a full set of hockey equipment.

One thing Claudette does have right is that teenagers wouldn't skip school to go skating. Who would? Obviously teenagers are more informed than Claudette is when it comes to having fun.

No doubt that Terrace could use a second sheet of ice. I don't think it's right for minor hockey players to have to be getting up at 5 a.m. just so they can practice. Kitimat is fortunate in that it has corporate sponsorship from companies like Alcan, Eurocan and Methanex. Maybe it's time to start looking at other ways to get that second sheet of ice, but not at the cost of Shames Mountain.

Sonja Reschke, Terrace, B.C.

A little bird told me

Dear Sir:

Please Claudette, don't think me unkind. I am just retaliating to your statement of cages being lined with your column. Just thought I'd scratch out this letter before you bruise yourself with all the back patting you must be doing thinking that I am happy with the cage lining.

My master lines my cage with your paper and can I help it if I read the writing now and then, I mean doesn't everyone read something when nature calls?

I am sorry but I have to speak out and I think I speak for all birds. Though I am just a mere parakeet, I feel I have this right.

I really thought Claudette was getting carried away with herself. I have to admit that my cage is lined with her column but I tell you no lies when I tell you I chew her column up and spit it out.

I wouldn't even swallow it. After all my goal in life is to live for 15 years. Perhaps after having read this letter you too may just get yourself a bird.

Toewway (a bird),
As dictated to owner Gord Splers,
Terrace, B.C.

A little spice

An open letter to
Isobel Brophy:

Dear Isobel:

Yes, Terrace has come of age. Unfortunately, some people have not come along with it. I can't believe that someone who claims to be a Catholic could be so ignorant and intolerant. You call it a 'sleaze' operation, meaning you have either been in there yourself, or are being very prejudicial. I know the good book doesn't teach people to be that way.

As for marital aides being so terrible, a little spice in a marriage has never done anyone wrong.

You say you don't welcome them to town? What ever happened to community standards? As I understand it, the business is doing very well, so apparently most people don't share your shallow concerns.

I believe the saying goes 'live and let live', so why don't you practice that, as we all allow you to have your inflammatory say in our local newspaper.

How petty and childish to wish someone bankruptcy. You are behaving like a whiny five year old who isn't getting their way.

Chris Stone, Terrace, B.C.

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Feds hiding tax hikes, says MP

SKEENA MP Mike Scott slammed the federal government's budget last week as a "cynical" document that hides increased tax burdens.

The government has tried to paint itself as fiscally responsible, he says, but in reality has taken more money from Canadians rather than reducing government costs.

Finance minister Paul Martin said the annual deficit is forecast to fall to \$17 billion next year — well under previous forecasts — but the national debt will rise to \$610 billion.

Scott says two-thirds of the total reduction in the deficit has come from increased revenue — not federal spending cuts. And the bulk of the remaining third stems from reduced transfer payments to the provinces.

"Paul Martin is reaching into the long suffering Canadian taxpayers' wallet and taking more money away," he said.

The money comes in many ways:

■ Workers will see less take-home pay as Ottawa ratchets up the rate for Canada Pension Plan contributions from 5.8 per cent of wages to 9.9 per cent over the next several years.

■ "Bracket creep" — the result of the 1988 de-indexing of federal income



Mike Scott

tax brackets — means the government lets inflation carry taxpayers into higher tax brackets. The bracket limits only go up when inflation exceeds 3 per cent. That hasn't happened in five years but workers whose wages have kept pace with inflation have seen their incomes rise about 8 per cent in that time — in some cases pushing them into higher tax brackets.

■ Partial de-indexing on other fronts means seniors get less benefits and personal income tax deductions have lagged behind inflation.

■ Excise taxes on gasoline and tobacco have further increased Ottawa's

take.

"The average Canadian family is paying \$3,000 more a year in 1997 in total taxes than they were in 1993," Scott says. "While incomes have risen, net take home pay has actually decreased."

Scott is particularly furious about the surge in CPP premiums.

"This is a massive tax grab on the part of the federal government," Scott said. "This is going to be a real job killer."

He said the federal Liberals have downloaded Ottawa's fiscal problems, without curtailing their own spending in any significant way.

Scott conceded the financial situation is "somewhat more favourable" but said it could have been dramatically better by now.

He said 37 cents out of every dollar Ottawa takes in still goes to pay interest on the national debt.

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"Heaven help this country if interest rates go back up again," he said. "The amount of money the government would be spending on interest alone wouldn't be 37 cents — it would be more like 50 cents."

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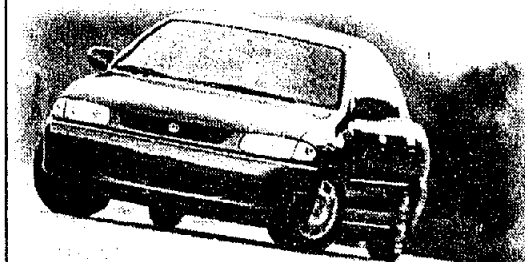
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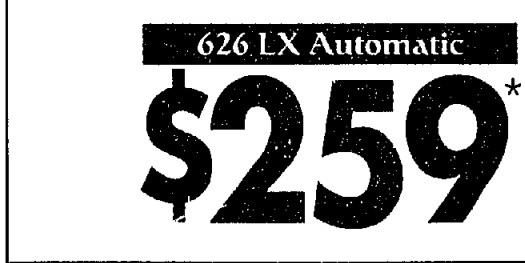
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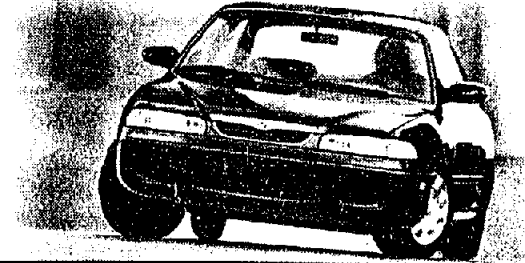
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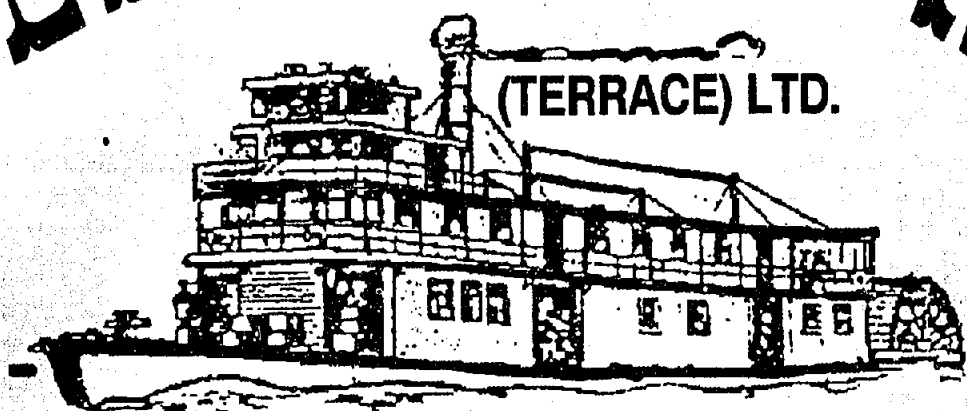
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BUSINESS REVIEW

Out & About

Solutions sought

A CONFERENCE of forest industry people will be held Mar. 15 at the Coast Inn of the West to try to find solutions to the problems affecting the industry today.

It's being organized by the Kitimat-based Northwest Communities Coalition, according to the Linda Gammel.

The keynote speaker will be IWA representative Terry Tait from the Cariboo Community Coalition.

Air fares soar

IF IT seems like the sting has gotten worse every time you had to fly to Vancouver on short notice, you were right.

In the last 12 months the airlines have jacked the full fare rate three times — from \$713.97 (including taxes) one year ago to \$839.95 today. That represents a nearly 18 per cent one-year increase.

Fares from Prince George to Vancouver are generally lower than here. If you fly between those cities on no notice right now, you're paying \$741.38 with taxes — about \$100 less.

If you book one week ahead and stay over on Saturday, you'll pay \$443.77 with taxes right now for Terrace to Vancouver, return.

Local travel agents are expecting another hike soon.

It's getting Real

CITY OFFICIALS expect Westfair Properties will soon pass the final hurdle of getting a building permit.

The company is in the process of selecting a general contractor and all expectations are that it will begin construction of its 36,000 square foot Real Canadian Wholesale Club outlet in just a few weeks.

The project has already succeeded in getting rezonings, subdivision and a development permit. Company officials have indicated they're ready to go as soon as the ground can be worked.

Another one close

THINGS ARE looking good for the development of a Canadian Tire store on Hwy 16 west at Brooks St.

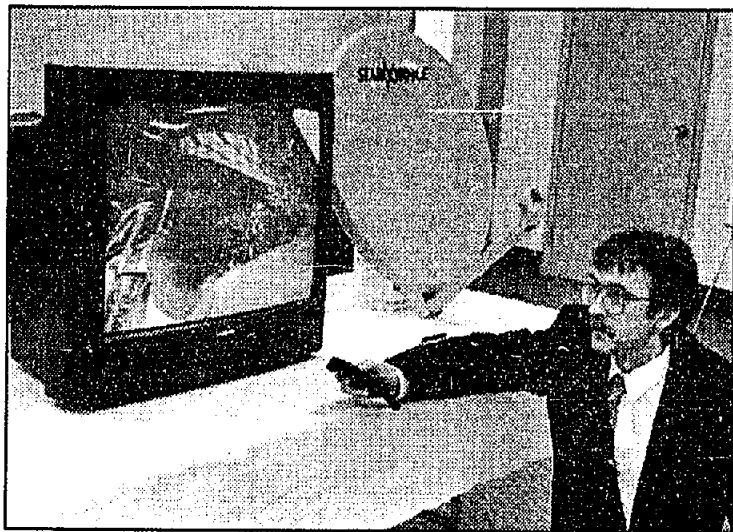
City officials say the developer has indicated he's prepared to proceed and a public hearing of the project is slated for March 10th at 7:00 p.m. at city hall.

If that goes smoothly, council will likely pass the rezoning of the property to commercial.

Developers have given other businesses now on the land 90 days notice, indicating construction could begin as early as May.

City planner David Trawin said total offsite requirements set out by the city and the highways ministry will cost the developer between \$350,000 and \$500,000.

The developer will have to pay to put in a left-turn lane on the highway, provide for other roadway extensions, put sidewalks in on the highway and pay to move a hydro pole.



IT WORKS: Starchoice demonstrated its Canadian digital satellite TV service last Wednesday at the Terrace Inn. That's local dealer Gilles Lacroix, of Pro Tech Electronics.

Canadian satellite TV here by April

CANADIAN digital satellite TV provider Starchoice will roll out its direct-to-home service in April.

Terrace dealer Pro Tech Electronics was part of the company's cross-Canada demonstration of its system last Wednesday.

Starchoice is hoping to beat rival ExpressVu to the punch and become the first authorized Canadian firm to actually begin providing the satellite TV service. Both companies have been given the go-ahead by the CRTC.

Starchoice president Greg Walling said last week they'll start offering basic service Mar. 31.

That will consist of 12 channels — the basic Canadian and American networks, plus CBC Newsworld, YTV, the Family Channel, TSN, Much Music, plus movie channels Movie Max and Super Channel.

The basic package would sell for \$19.95, but subscribers would have to also lay out \$899 for the pizza-sized dish and hardware.

By late April larger packages of channels are to be available, plus up to 40 CD-quality music audio channels.

Pro Tech's Gilles Lacroix says the digital satellite service will offer better quality images than cable systems, plus CD quality music-only audio stations.

StarChoice will use the same Echostar system as U.S.-based digital satellite TV providers are using.

Lacroix says that system is becoming the industry standard, meaning that if something happened to the service a subscriber should be able to switch their hardware over to a different provider.

But it's unclear how much of a dent — if any — the Canadian service will make in the so-called grey market — the large numbers of Canadians who have bought systems that receive the unauthorized U.S. signal.

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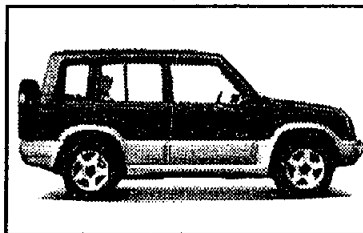
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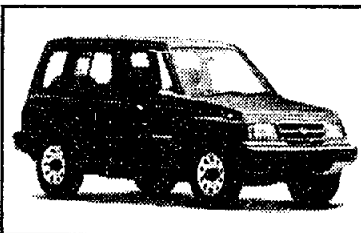


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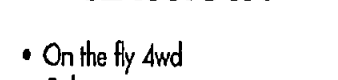


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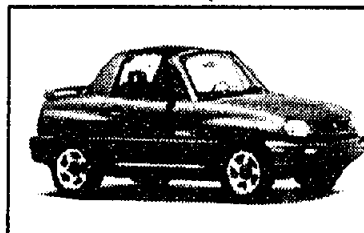
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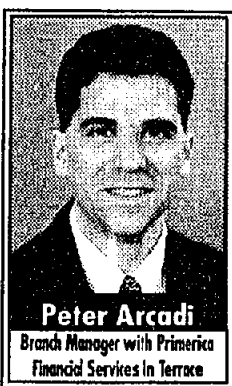
You may think the best way to be financially secure is to take no risk whatsoever with your hard-earned money. It may seem odd, but this no-risk strategy can be one of the riskiest approaches you can take. In an effort to eliminate risk entirely, you give yourself a false sense of security and your sacrifice real growth - growth that out pace inflation.

Why? Because leaving your money in a savings account or even guaranteed investment certificates (GICs) may keep your money safe, but it almost certainly won't grow enough to meet your future needs. The returns offered by low-risk investments are often barely enough to keep up with inflation.

So the real risk is not taking at least some risk with your money. That doesn't mean gambling everything you own. It means putting at least some of your money into investments which, over the long run, do better than savings accounts and term deposits such as GICs. The problem is that most people are afraid to take any risk.

You'll never eliminate risk entirely, but you can evaluate it and manage it by thinking long term, diversifying, using profes-

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Hoyle says that investors who panic and sell because the market is down are running from the store when there's a sale on. And if they go shopping when the prices are up, they're lining up to pay more. "You wouldn't do that if you were buying clothes or food," she adds, "so don't do it with your money."

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Parents, teachers, students protest college course cuts

By CRIS LEYKAUF
THIRD YEAR University of B.C. student Laura Gosnell didn't realize how lucky she was to have done her first two years at Northwest Community College — until she found out some of her UBC classes had 450 students in them.

Small classes, individual attention and the ability to live at home made a big difference to Gosnell. But now she's worried that future students won't have that chance.

Gosnell spoke at a community meeting of parents, NWCC teachers and students last week. The meeting was called by teachers and students in order to tell people about cuts to courses and staff at the college.

Gosnell is a biology student. Second year biology courses will suffer the hardest in the cuts — 10 course sections are slated to be chopped.

Four sections of first year biology will also be cut. (Sections are individual course offerings — there might one Biology 100 course taught five different times or sections.)

In total 25 per cent of university credit courses are being eliminated.

Science teacher Norma Kerby raised the same issues as Gosnell. NWCC students who do a year or two here are far more likely to complete a degree than if they simply went away for university, she said.

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"There's individualized attention here so kids do well."

Kerby said first year science students are outraged to find biology and four sections of chemistry will be cut in the second year program.

"These are courses that had projected full enrollment for next year," said Kerby.

But college president Michael Hill challenged that statement the next day.

Every year for the last five years actual enrollment figures for biology classes haven't measured up to predictions, he said.

"Why aren't students enrolling in second year science," he asked. "They get great quality instruction, it's cheaper and they get a personal touch. But I don't think that message is getting through."

In figuring out what courses should be cut the board wanted to affect as few students as possible, said Hill. And that meant courses with low enrollments were the first on the chopping block.

English teacher Leanne Boschman-Epp was concerned about cuts to arts courses. She didn't think a two-year associate degree in arts would be an option if the cuts went through.

Hill has talked about possibly redesigning some of the



Norma Kerby

cut courses and bringing them back using internet technology.

However, Boschman-Epp didn't think that would work.

"Face to face dialogue can't be replaced by distance technology," she said, using a creative writing course as an example. Students learn how to share, talk, listen and think in that course. "That can't happen with a computer screen," she said.

Hill agreed that attrition rates for long-distance education were high. However, he said a combination of technology supplemented by in person seminars, tutorials or labs might work.

But the majority of students and teachers at the meeting wanted to see the courses stay in their current form. Student Kathy Freeman said she would support a small raise in tuition, if it meant keeping classes.

"The cuts will make it much more difficult for students in isolated regions in northern B.C. to get a post-secondary education," said Freeman.

She also suggested asking the community for donations and lobbying government.

"The simplest way to lose is to give in," she said, warning that cutting courses is a backwards step.

But Hill pointed out that the college plans to set up a foundation next school year

to raise money for student bursaries and scholarships, saving \$45,000. The foundation will also raise money for specific capital projects, like computer facilities.

Freeman also wondered if the administration was doing a good job of allocating money. Throughout the meeting there were calls for an independent audit of college finances.

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Another student, Theresa Forsyth, wondered if the administration was manipulating statistics and numbers to justify cutting courses.

"These programs will disappear in a puff of administrative logic," said Forsyth. "We're watching our dream of regional access shatter."

Rob Kaiser, vice president of the student association, also had hostile words, saying the senior administration wasn't responsive to suggestions from students.

"We're willing to talk. They're not," he said.

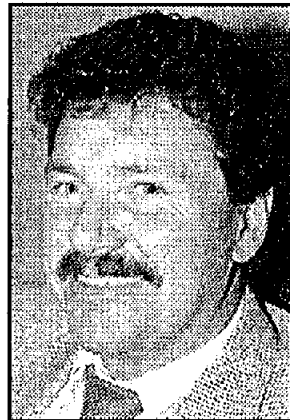
Faculty were critical, too.

"This is not a plan. It is a knee jerk reaction to mismanagement of the budget," said history

teacher John Hart. Three second-year history courses are being cut.

Teacher John Krisinger called the planning process "a farce," saying there wasn't meaningful involvement for students or staff.

However, Hill said that's not the case, though he understands that feelings of distrust will accompany layoffs.



Michael Hill

"The budget has been shared on a line by line basis with every college staff member," he said. And independent audits on student enrollment and

finances are done every year, and presented to the college board at its May or June meeting.

Administration has also taken its share of cuts he said. In 1987/88 there were 22-23 administrators who didn't belong to either the teaching staff or support staff unions. Today that number is 16. Student enrollment has increased 45 per cent over the same time period.

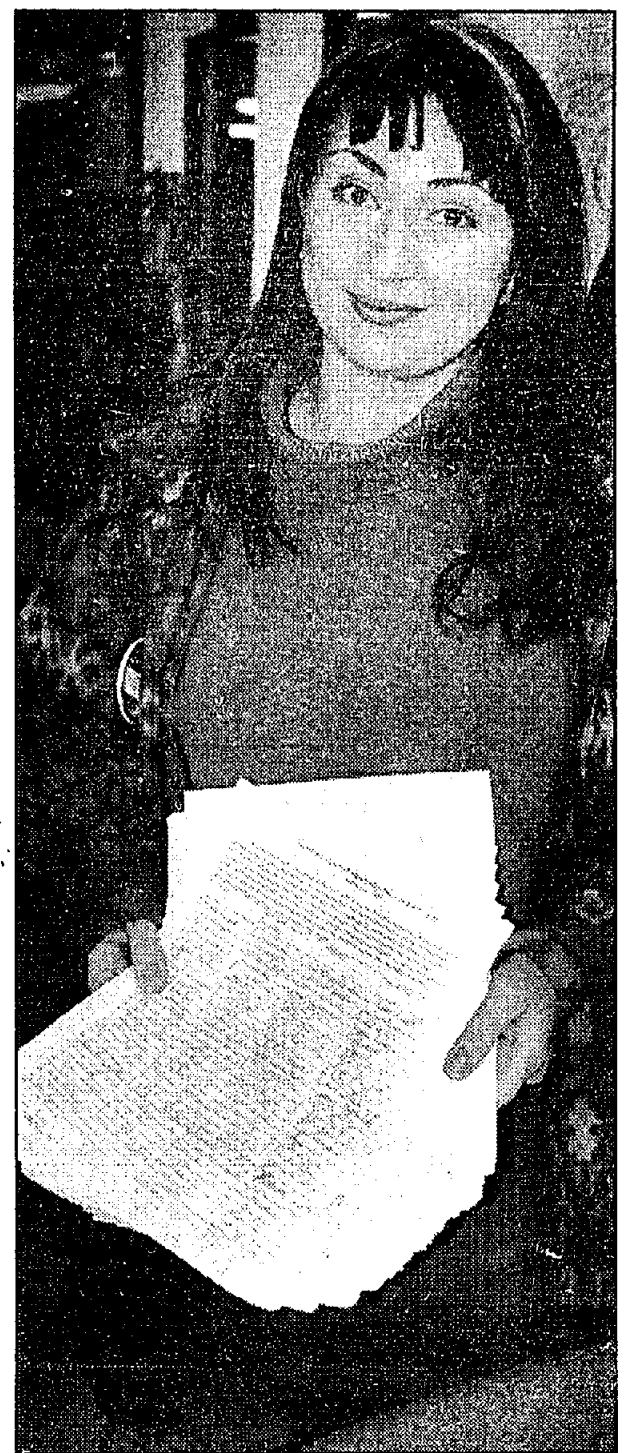
"We're spending about a \$1 in class and a \$1 out of class," Hill said, saying that was comparable to other colleges. That out-of-class money is spent on heating, snow clearing etc.

"And at the end of the day we can't spend more. There isn't another way to do this," he said. Cuts to programs and staff have to come now, so the college can afford to make severance payments and still save on employment costs in the later years of the plan.

But teachers and parents want more of a say into decisions that'll have a big impact here.

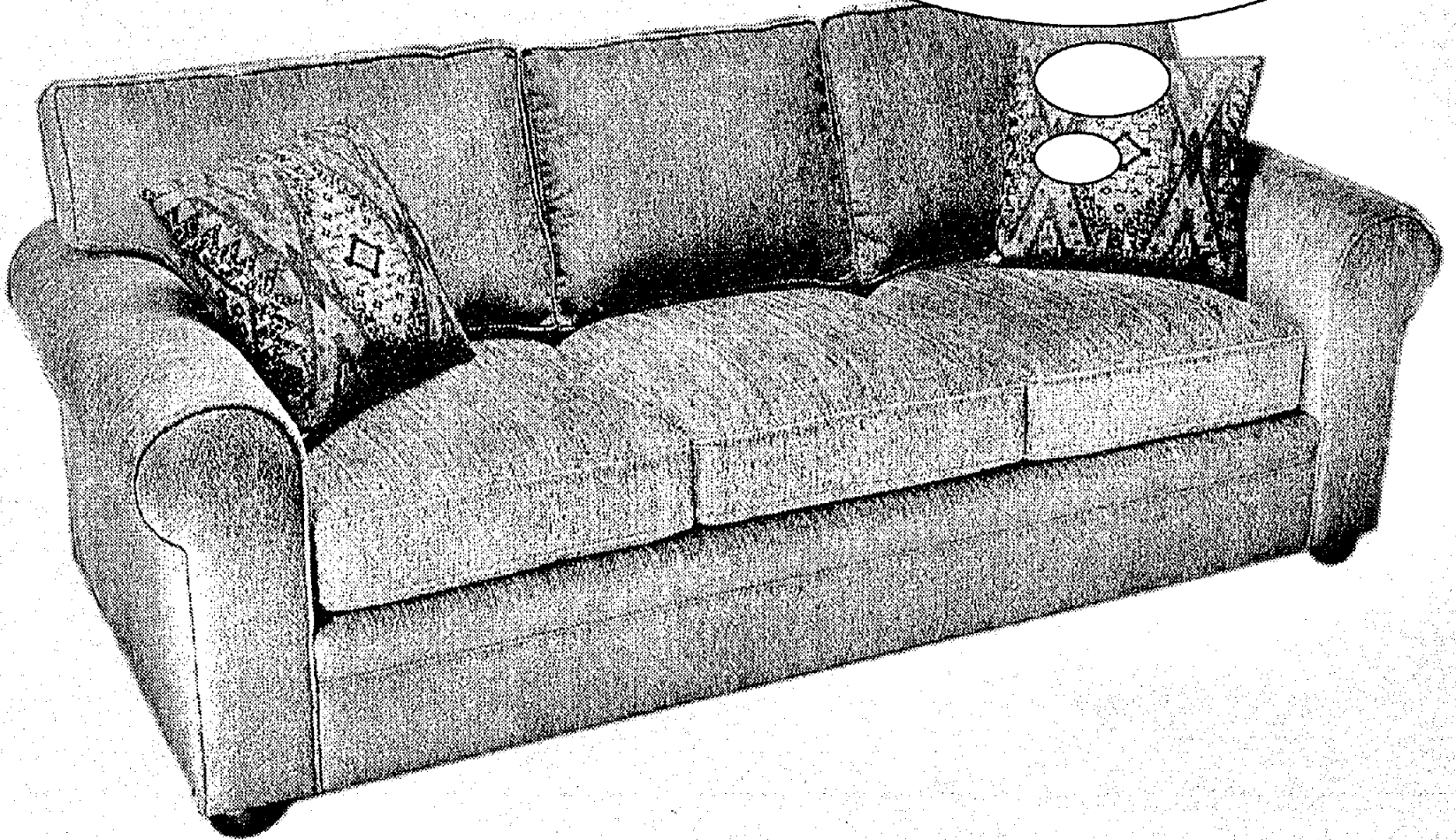
"We had a referendum on the second sheet of ice," said parent Elizabeth Manji. Why can't the community have a referendum on the cuts, she asked.

Students and teachers have begun a petition and letter writing plan to persuade the government to intervene. Nearly 1,000 signatures have been collected so far.



NWCC STUDENT Theresa Forsyth is collecting signatures for a petition to force the college to reconsider its plan to cut courses in order to pay down its debt. So far students have collected nearly 1,000 names.

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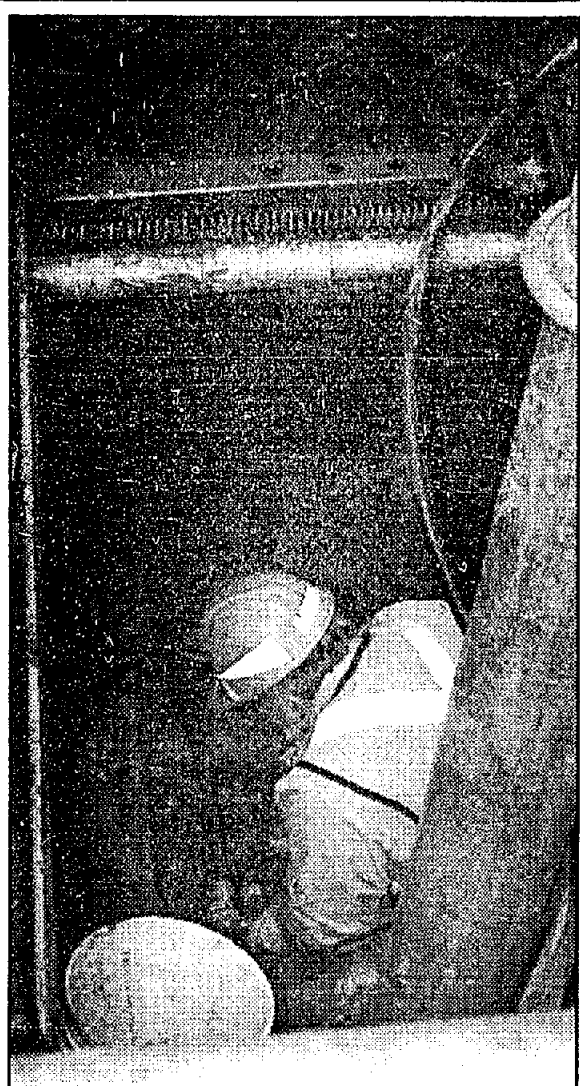
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Muddy mess

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Two injured in gas line explosion

GAS INSPECTORS are blaming heavy snow piling up on top of gas lines for two explosions — one of which resulted in injuries to two women — that ripped through trailers at a logging camp near Meziadin last week.

No one was injured in the first explosion Feb. 16, when a gas line ruptured at Elsworth camp, leveling a vacant bunk house.

But two women were inside a residential trailer at about 4 p.m. the next day when a propane explosion destroyed that building.

Forty-four-year-old Donna Hebert and 47-year-old Sharon Cox were rescued by volunteers and taken to Stewart hospital where they were treated for non-life threatening injuries.

Juliette Proom of the government ministry that handles gas inspections and regulations says while there aren't any firm conclusions, the gas lines appear to have broken because of heavy snow.

"People have to make sure they mark gas lines and keep them clear in the winter," Proom says. "Otherwise the results can be pretty drastic."

Proom says that depending on the circumstances, joints can come apart and gas lines can actually snap if snows are heavy enough.

The northwest is not the only area of B.C. to be rocked with gas explosions this winter. Gas line leaks caused by heavy snows last month in the Kootenays resulted in several house fires.

"But nothing as bad as what happened at Elsworth," Proom says. "This was a very unfortunate accident and we would like to extend our sympathies to the victims."

Proom says something as simple as putting a sheet of plywood over the gas meters can deflect the falling snow and prevent tragedy from occurring.

B.C. Hydro to raise rural fee

B.C. HYDRO representatives got a cool reception from the regional district board two weekends ago when they unveiled a plan that will double the cost of electrical hook-up for many rural homes.

This spring, the cost of installing of an extra hydro pole to reach an average single family rural home could rise from about \$2,000 to \$4,000.

The crown corporation is following new B.C. Utilities Commission guidelines to ensure new utilities customers pay what the commission says is their fair share of extension service costs.

Extension services are those which require B.C. Hydro to extend powerlines more than a single span of wire (the distance between two power poles) to service homes. Many homes in rural parts of the province require extensions because of their distance from main power lines.

New residential customers now get one free span when they hook into the power grid. But that will change this spring when the crown corporation changes its policy.

"B.C. Hydro has to learn to adjust to a dynamic market," B.C. Hydro's Ralph Zuker told the Kitimat-Stikine regional district board. "We don't think existing customers should subsidize new customers."

The new blanket policy replaces several old policies which differed depending on whether the extension was for a single home, subdivision or commercial development.

Instead, B.C. Hydro will conduct a single cost-analysis test for all new customers. The test looks at projected energy requirements of the site and figures out what B.C. Hydro's income will be over 10 years compared with their costs of extending to the site.

Whatever the difference is, the customer pays. At the same time, commercial extension costs will drop, since they draw much more power than does an average home.

"There are winners and losers under the new policy," says Zuker. "But we believe this is the correct position to be at in the long run."

Many regional district directors were concerned the policy will stifle economic growth in the northwest.

"There has to be some long term vision here — 50 years, 100 years," said Area D director Dave Brocklebank. "Or else the northwest will never really develop. Having power is essential to development."

District of Stewart director Andy Burton agreed, saying many people aren't going to be able to afford the increase.

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16 Skeena Junior Secondary School	17 Terrace Minor Baseball	18 Kermode Friendship Society	19 Terr. Peaks Gymnastics Club Shames Mtn. Ski Club	20 Terr. Little Theatre Terr. Anti-Poverty	21 Big Brothers & Big Sisters Nisga'a Tribal Council	22 Art Association P.A.C.E.S. Search & Rescue
23 Thornhill Junior Secondary School	24 Terrace Minor Hockey	25 Kermode Friendship Society	26 Terrace Blueback Swim Club	27 Order of Royal Purple Terr. Anti-Poverty	28 Canadian Paraplegic Assoc. Nisga'a Tribal Council	29 Terr. Rotary Club Youth Soccer Terr. Skating

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JUST A THOUGHT
KATHY FLORITTO

"1997 is the Year of the House!"

WITH THAT, a long-time friend began a chronicle of events leading up to a present dilemma that may modify the headline to read "Year of the Garage."

Since she's surely not the only British Columbian determined to build her very own Goldilocks home this year (not too big, not too small...just right), you may be interested in following her progress...

My pal is a Planner and this is no minor investment, so despite a few occasions when I thought she was a tad over-focused, she's worked through her lists of "Want," "Need" and "When I win the Lotto" so well that she's prudently eliminated the last and knows the difference between the first two.

The recession of the early '80s was her Great Depression. Nonetheless, she's made of sturdy stuff and, since then, she's managed to save about \$30,000, figuring that ought to be enough for the downpayment, legal fees and other costs, while putting her and the bank into the three bedroom Cape Cod of her dreams.

That, apparently, is where her planning fell apart.

I probably don't have to tell you the rest of the story...while she was dreaming, the dollar went down and everything else went up. Ten years ago, a new house in her area, including the subdivided little piece of Canada that she would call her own could be bought for about \$100,000. Maybe less.

But 10 years ago, she didn't have the \$30,000. Just the dream.

Her mistake was in thinking that while her own income was working its way from dead broke to mediocre, everything else had remained relatively static.

Oh, she knew the price of some materials had risen, but she reckoned on some having dropped enough to offset the increases...a miscalculation that has tortured her dream into something more closely related to the consequences of indigestion.

Her only nod towards a more epicurean lifestyle is the oversized, multi-jetted whirlpool tub in the master bath — it's hard to disagree with that one.

She's planned a modest 1,400 sq.ft., 3 br, 2 bth structure on a full basement with allowances for a future garage, sunroom and studio. Since friends and family congregate in her kitchen, she ditched the dining room in favour of a large, country kitchen and, acknowledging a youth left far behind, the laundry is on the main floor.

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Unhappily, her house and her bank account are not as compatible as she'd hoped. Instead of \$100,000, she's looking at closer to \$180,000. However, her friendly banker jumped in to save the day. He assured her that she qualifies for a much higher mortgage than the \$80,000 she'd anticipated.

Then he smiled. Big mistake, that smile.

She's sure he's lost it.

"Can you believe it? He says that my gross income less any significant debts (none), means my bank will let me have a mortgage as high as \$160,000!!

The man's mad!!"

A quick peek in his mortgage book darned near did her in. The prospect of paying anyone \$1300 a month for each and every one of the next 240 months of her life, assuming the rate continued to hover around 8 per cent - was enough to test her hold on this mortal coil. Despite her aversion to debt, she was prepared to assume an obligation of anywhere from \$700 to \$900 a month, maybe \$1,000 including taxes, but, half her take-home pay?

"My kids like to eat," sums up her position rather well...

The last half of her letter is an exercise in making adjustments. At first, she thought she might be wiser to look for a "mature" home - one that might need a little paint and paper, but is basically sound.

"I didn't find any, but there must be gold in them thar walls!"

If there's a way, she'll find it, but 1997 may be the Year of the Garage - with allowances for a future attachments...the studio, the sunroom...the house.

Scouting offers much to family

LIFELONG FRIENDSHIPS, amazing experiences and the chance to gain new skills has kept Scott Peden in scouting for 21 years.

Just last week he was presented with an award for the longest youth involvement in Scouts. And his father Earl Peden has been involved with him the entire way along.

Scott, now 25, started in Beavers when he was four years old. He moved through the ranks, taking part in Cubs, Scouts, Ventures and now Rovers. He'll stay in Rovers one more year, and then if he wants to continue his involvement in scouting he'll have to take on leadership roles.

Scouting has a reputation for teaching children and youths outdoor survival techniques. By the time you get to Rovers, the emphasis has shifted more to doing community service.

For example, Rovers act as designated drivers for a number of company Christmas parties, and Scott is involved in Search and Rescue and with the ambulance service.

"I've gotten so much out of scouting," said Scott. "If I could keep going I would."

Many kids drop out of scouting when they get to Ventures, which is for ages 13-17. They're very susceptible to peer pressure, and some of the kids think the uniform isn't particularly cool.

"But a few of us stuck it out," said Scott. There are three other Rovers in Terrace besides him.



THE WALKING STICK scouting leader Earl Peden holds represents the path of life. Life never travels in a straight line; instead it's crooked. The "y" at the top shows the different path you can choose. Earl has been in scouting with his son Scott for 21 years.

race besides him.

Scott says sticking it out also brought him closer to father.

Earl started in scouting as a Beaver Leader in Surrey in 1976. The family moved to Terrace in 1981 and he continued his involvement. When Scott moved onto Ventures, the group had the option of choosing who they wanted for a leader. They chose Scott's dad.

"It's been quite an honour

for me," said Earl.

Together he and Scott have travelled to regional camps and jamborees, taking part in camping, canoeing, hiking and more. They also travelled to the Canadian Jamboree in Guelph, Ontario, and to a gathering in Prince Edward Island.

As part of his involvement in scouting, Scott was awarded with the Queen's Venture Award. It was presented by the Lieutenant-

governor in Victoria, and is the highest youth award in Scouts Canada.

"It's meant a closer relationship with my Dad," said Scott of their shared experiences. "It's been nice. It hasn't been like he's a third wheel. He's just one of the members. He's not there as a father — but his is."

There's another relationship Scott formed through scouting which is just as important — he met

his wife Stella in scouts, and they're now in Rovers together.

After this year is up Scott says they'll probably take on more leadership roles in scouting.

Scott and Stella don't have any children yet, but when they do Scott says they'll probably keep up the family tradition with scouting.

"And knowing their grandfather he'd still be there too," said Scott.

Women's centre hosts conference

THE TERRACE WOMEN'S Resource Centre has pulled off a coup. The leader of the country's top women's group is speaking in Terrace for International Women's Day on March 8.

Joan Grant-Cummings is the head of the National Action Committee on the Status of Women. She works as an anti-racist, pro-choice health activist, and she'll be speaking about institutional racism.

Grant-Cummings's speech is the opening address at a conference the women's centre is hosting in Terrace that day.

The conference has a good variety of free workshops lined up for women.

What's unique about the conference is that all the workshops are being put on by local women. That keeps the cost down and lets Terrace women share their expertise, says organizer



Kathy Wesley-Scott

Kathy Wesley-Scott.

"We want to help women get to know who's in the community."

Topics for the workshops

were decided as a result of surveys the women's centre sent out.

In the morning and afternoon sessions participants can choose from three workshops.

Laurel Gregg from Nirvana is leading a workshop on holistic healing methods. This touches on a number of things such as healing touch, aromatherapy, crystal healing, prana and reflexology.

If you'd rather leap in and get physical, Janet Harris is giving you the opportunity to get your hands dirty making empowerment dolls from clay.

There's also a panel on female friendships, focusing on older women who've been friends since childhood and inter-generational friendships. This panel will also look at living alone and loneliness.

In the afternoon Sheila McDonald puts women

through an introduction to self-defense. She'll be teaching a few easy-to-learn physical techniques.

Dr. Almas and Laurel Gregg will conduct a workshop on menopause, looking at physical changes and ways to cope with those changes.

And a panel on feminism will wrap up the afternoon's events.

In order to make sure all women can attend the conference, there's no charge for any events. If required, child care and transportation are provided.

Wesley-Scott is hoping for a turn-out of about 100 people. Because the workshop leaders are all volunteers, she says the conference shouldn't cost more than \$2,000 to put on.

The evening finishes with a potluck dinner and dance at the Kinbut.

For more information or to register call 638-0228.

May the force be with you

STAR WARS buffs disappointed that Tillicum Twin Theatres weren't going to carry the re-released trilogy now have reason to cheer.

Theatre manager Adrian Enright says he's now hoping to go ahead with the three movies, starting with Star Wars on March 28th.

He says local enthusiasts weren't making Darth Vader breather-mask noises over the phone or threatening to sever his head with a light sabre. But he admits there was pressure to get the movies.

"We have had quite a few calls asking about it," he said. "They were pretty reasonable about it when I explained it."

The problem was that director George Lucas had declared that theatres would only get the three movies if *Star Wars*, *The Empire Strikes Back* and *Return of the Jedi* ran back to back over a total of 10 weeks.

That was too much of a time commitment for an independent theatre like the one here, and Enright had to say no.

Now, however, he says the rules are being loosened, and he's hoping to get the three movies for two weeks each.

That plan might be disrupted if Vancouver theatres decide to hold the movies over longer, but so far Enright is optimistic.

Those who can't wait to see the movies here have the option of a road trip. The Nechako Theatre in Kitimat is playing *Star Wars* starting this Friday.

Telethon nears

TWO GREAT children's entertainers are lined up for the second annual Applause Telethon, on March 9. The telethon, put on by Terrace Little Theatre, is to raise money for a new performing arts centre, to replace the existing McColl Playhouse.

Last year's telethon raised over \$80,000 in cash and pledges for the new building.

Bing Jensen was a hit at the Vancouver International Children's Festival. He gets both young and old involved by singing along, clapping, stomping and making funny noises.

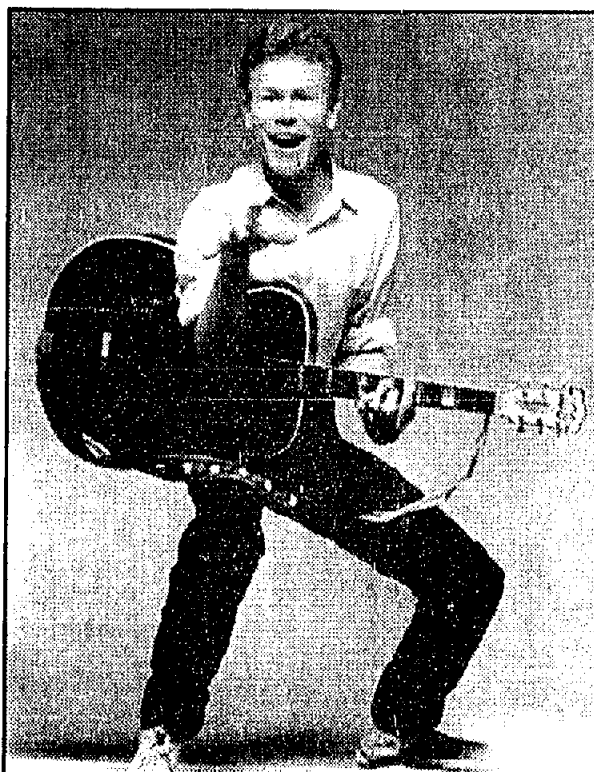
With his acoustic guitar and rich baritone voice Bing guides the audience through a musical journey.

Jim Raddys's show also features plenty of involvement for the kids. He says kids are the real stars at his performances.

The kids' entertainment takes place during the afternoon. Later in the day and early evening the show has more for adults, with vocalist Leora Cashe, and the acappella quartet Euphorics.

The local entertainment line-up includes performances by dancers from the Laura Flynn ballet school, native-style dances and the band Dance Express.

The telethon takes place from 11 a.m. till 9 p.m. on March 9 at the REM Lee Theatre. Door prizes include a trip for two to Vancouver to see the Canucks and the Grizzlies in Seattle, and a framed print by artist Terry Redlin.



KIDS' PERFORMER Bing Jensen is one of the highlights of the upcoming Terrace Little Theatre telethon, on March 9.

TERRACE STANDARD

CITY SCENE

MUSIC

▲ **THE CALEDONIA** Concert and Stage bands are joined by special guests Donny Clark on jazz trumpet and Steve Butterworth on trombone and tuba for a concert at 8 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 28 at the REM Lee Theatre. Admission is by donation.

▲ **TERRACE CONCERT SOCIETY** presents the Foothills Brass Quartet at 8 p.m. at the REM Lee Theatre on Mar. 1. Tickets are \$18 at Erwin's in the Skeena Mall.

▲ **JIM RYAN** of the **TERRACE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA** conducts guest soloist Steffan Wegner at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, Mar. 2 at the REM Lee Theatre. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 seniors and students, and are available at Sight and Sound.

▲ Terrace scout council presents **TOM MAY** at 7:30 p.m. on March 6. May is a former touring partner of Gordon Lightfoot. Tickets are \$12 at the door, or phone Laura Sears at 635-3190.

▲ **SPRING FLING CABARET** takes place at 8 p.m. at the Elk's Hall, featuring the Terrace Community Band. Tickets are \$12 each and there's only 100 of them available. Must be 19 or older. Patrons will dance to the big band, eat home-made incredibly decadent desserts, snacks and a variety of beverages.



Tickets are available at Sight and Sound.

▲ **AUGIES LOUNGE** in the Terrace Inn features Maharaka, playing soft lounge music. Dance Express plays in GiGi's Pub.

▲ **KARAOKE NIGHT** is every Thursday and Sunday at George's Pub in the

Northern Motor Inn, every Sunday and Monday at Hanky Panky's and every Friday at the Thornhill Pub.

MOVIES

▲ An unlikely duo pair up in **ZEUS AND ROXANNE**, starring Steve Guttenberg at 7 p.m. only. At 9:15 p.m. it's **THE RELIC: THE NEXT EVOLUTION IN TERROR**. And playing at 7:15 and 9:30 p.m., Woody Harrelson stars in **THE PEOPLE VS. LARRY FLYNT**. These end Thursday.

ETCETERA

▲ **THE TERRACE ART GALLERY** hosts an exhibit of oil paintings and landscape collage by Don Weir, beginning Feb. 28 and running till March 29. Opening reception is from 7-9 p.m. this Friday night. Gallery hours are noon to 3 p.m. from Wed. to Fri., Fri. nights from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Sat. from noon to 4 p.m. and Sun, from 1-4 p.m.

▲ **NORTH OF THE YELLOWHEAD** — Edward Epp presents some of his latest works at the REM Lee Theatre. The show continues through February.

Make the 'Scene! Call 638-7283 or fax to 638-8432 to add your event to the Standard's free entertainment listings. The deadline is 5 p.m. Thursday for the following week's paper.



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Wednesday, Feb. 26

TERRACE SCOUTS will be collecting old phone books until May 1. Drop them off at any of the major grocery stores in town.

THE RCMP Community Consultative Committee meets at 7:30 p.m. at the detachment. Citizens are welcome to discuss policing in their community. For more info call Insp. Steve Leach at 638-7415.

THE SCHOOL BOARD holds a special meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the board office on Kenney St. Agenda includes discussion about the upcoming budget and how much money the education ministry will be giving the district next school year.

Friday, Feb. 27

WHO AM I? This self-discovery workshop runs today till Mar. 2, and Mar. 7-9. It's hosted by Dan Orienti of the NW Personal Growth Assoc. Call Deidre at 635-7982 for more info.

Sunday, Mar. 02

DISCOVER YOUR Spiritual Gifts in a 12-part seminar put on by the Terrace Pentecostal Assembly. It runs Sunday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at the church. All are welcome. For more info call 635-2434.

Monday, Mar. 03

WOMEN'S HEALTH WORKSHOP on First Nations women's health issues is from 7-9 p.m. at the Kernode Friendship Centre. To register call 635-4906.

Tuesday, Mar. 04

THE COAST MT. School District's community advisory council for Terrace meets at the board office at 7:30 p.m.

THE LADIES AUXILIARY of the Royal Canadian Legion hosts a pot luck dinner at 6:30 p.m., followed by a general meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the legion.

BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT group meets at 8 p.m. at the hospital education room. For more info call Denise at 635-4552.

Wednesday, Mar. 05

PACES Day Care Society holds its AGM at 7 p.m. at the daycare at 4924 Straume. New members welcome. For more info call 638-0877 or 638-1963.

Thursday, Mar. 06

REVENUE CANADA is holding a tax clinic at the Skeena Mall today through Saturday. Help and copies of income tax forms is available.

Friday, Mar. 07

BC BENEFITS WORKSHOP, presented by Gerry King takes place at the library from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Discussion will include the changes to BC Benefits and how they affect you. Please register in advance by calling 635-4631.

TERRACE PRO-LIFE Assoc. holds its AGM and a coffee and desert evening at 7:30 p.m. in the Pentecostal Assembly fireside room.

HEALING TOUCH WORKSHOP runs today through March 9 at the Skeena Health Unit. Fee of \$250 covers cost of instructor and books. For more info call 635-3455.

Saturday, Mar. 08

WOMEN'S HEALTH WORKSHOP on medical and holistic ways of living through menopause is from 1-3 p.m. at NWCC. To register call 635-4906.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S Day conference takes place at NWCC. Variety of free workshops planned. To register call 638-0228.

Friday, Mar. 14

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Saturday, Mar. 15

SINGLES BOWLING FUN NIGHT takes place from 8 p.m. till midnight at the bowling lanes. Cost is \$10 per person. For more info call Patrick at 638-1135 or Kathy at 638-8323.

Saturday, May 10

IT'S A LONG ways off, but the Terrace Beautification Society wants people to start thinking about donating plants to its annual Perennial Plant Sale. Money from the sale will be used for local projects. For more info, call Judy or Howard at 638-1237.

WEEKLY MEETINGS

TUESDAYS

PLANNED PARENTHOOD Clinic is open every Tuesday night from 7-9 p.m. Information and counselling on birth control and birth control supplies at reasonable cost. Drop in. They're at the rear of the health unit so go to the back door. For more info or to volunteer call 638-2027.

TWIN'S CLUB PLAYTIME is the first Tuesday of every month from 10:30-noon at the Family Place. Call

635-9669.

TERRACE COMMUNITY BAND meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Caledonia high school. For more info call Jim Ryan at 635-4089.

STRETCHING CLASS — The Ministry of Health community rehabilitation program hosts this seated stretching class from 1-2 p.m. at the Skeena Health Unit Auditorium at 3412 Kalum St. Call Anne at 638-2272 for more info.

T'AI CHI FOR SENIORS is held Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:45 a.m. at

the Happy Gang Centre. For more info call Jean at 635-3159.

TERRACE TOASTMASTERS meet every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Coast Inn of the West at room 328 to learn about public speaking in a positive and encouraging environment. New members and guests are welcome. For more info call Andrew Webber at 635-5776.

DAIKO JI SOTOZEN CENTRE hosts Zazen meditation every Tuesday evening at 7 pm at the centre. For info phone 635-3455.

The Terrace Standard offers the community calendar as a public service to its readers and community organizations.

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Around Town

Spicing up lunches

SKEENA PARENTS are looking for donations of used cards and games such as checkers, chess and monopoly for the lunch hour program at the school. You can leave donations at the school office.

The parents group is also looking to expand parent involvement in the program. If you can come into the school between 12:15 and 1 p.m. on a regular basis, (ie - weekly or monthly) they could use your help. Call Joan at 635-5581 or leave your name and phone number at the school office.

A classical experience

THE TERRACE SYMPHONY Orchestra has a treat for audiences at their upcoming concert on March 2.

Guest soloist Steffan Wegner will join symphony members for an evening of classical works by Haydn and Beethoven. Wegner will perform the second movement of Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 5. Steffan was the soloist last year as well when the symphony presented a Mozart concert.

It's rare for a community the size of Terrace to have a symphony orchestra. The TSO (not to be confused with the Toronto Symphony Orchestra) is in its fifth season.

A unique feature of the TSO is the wide age span of its members. The string section has five high school students and the brass section has three. This gives young people an opportunity to learn and perform repertoire that they might otherwise never hear. It also ensures continuity in the orchestra as they become adults.

Come out and support your orchestra March 2 when they play at the REM Lee Theatre at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for seniors and students at Sight and Sound or at the door.

Don't chuck phone books

THE SCOUTS will be picking up used phone books once again this year, so don't toss them away.

You can drop your old phone book off at Safeway, Overwaitea or Co-op. The scouts will also pick up phone books from businesses. Call James or Kim at 635-3656 to arrange pick up.

Billeters needed

THE SCOTTISH FIDDLE Orchestra is coming to Terrace July 3 and organizers are looking for billeters for the visiting musicians.

Hosts will need a vehicle, as they'll be picking up their guests from the airport and driving them to and from the theatre for the concert.

This is the first Canadian tour for the orchestra, and their performance in Terrace is nearly sold out. From here the fiddlers will travel to Prince George, then to Kamloops before heading east to Toronto.

If you can put up one or more musicians, please call Eleanor Halley at 635-0403.

Thrift store closed

THE SALVATION ARMY Thrift Store on Lakelse is shutting down this week while staff does renovations.

The renovations are to integrate the old store with the newly completed addition. They hope to re-open this Saturday.

In the meantime donations are still being accepted at the store and emergency help is still available, as are the pastries. However, there will be no normal office hours this week. Staff at the thrift store thank the public for their patience.

Music retreat planned

BAND STUDENTS in grades six and seven from throughout the school district are converging in Terrace for a band retreat Feb. 28-Mar. 1.

Nearly 20 Music and band teachers from around the district are going to be conducting separate practice sessions for the kids. It's a great opportunity for students from smaller towns like Stewart or Hazelton to play with a larger band.

"The benefits are

tremendous," says organizer Terry Anderson. "It's such a positive event."

Guest musicians, Donny Clark who plays jazz trumpet and Steve Bulterworth on trombone and tuba also will work with students and teachers.

About 300 students will take part in the retreat. They'll be treated to a concert Friday night by the Caledonia concert and stage bands. This one will feature the guest musicians and is open to the public. It starts at 8 p.m. on Friday at the REM Lee Theatre.

The retreat wraps up Saturday night with a concert by the elementary students.

Hotline for seniors

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Sweetheart dinner a success

THE KINETTE CLUB of Terrace is to be congratulated once again for hosting the 14th annual Sweetheart Dinner and Dance.

The evening was in honour of seniors from around the Terrace area, and was held Feb. 9 at the Elks Hall.

Although the doors opened at 4:30 p.m., seniors showed up even earlier in order to get a good seat.

It was a packed house. The Terrace Kinettes outdid themselves once again, providing a delicious dinner.

The emcee was Kinette Joyce Gibson. She welcomed everyone and told us they might need a larger hall next year if the turn out continues to be this good.

Special guests at the dinner were councillor Rich McDaniel and his wife Lois, Corporal Ewen Harvey and his wife Const. Tracy Harvey, Miss Terrace 1996 Lindsey Smart, 1997 Kinsmen Francis Kohl and 1996 First Princess Avery Archibald.

The highlight of the evening was the crowning of the new Queen and King of Hearts. Edwina Morin and John Gillis were chosen for the honour. Both are residents of the Willows.

Last year's queen Jackie Webb crowned the new



A NEW KING and Queen of Hearts was crowned at the 14th annual Sweetheart Dinner and Dance. John Gillis and Edwina Morin will reign for a year.

Queen of Hearts. However, last year's King, Lloyd Shannon, just recently passed away. Our condolences to his family.

The rest of the evening was spent dancing to some great music by Jim Ryan and friends.

A thank you to Terrace Totem Ford for the van they lent us to pick up seniors around town. And many more thanks to the merchants who contributed door prizes for the evening.



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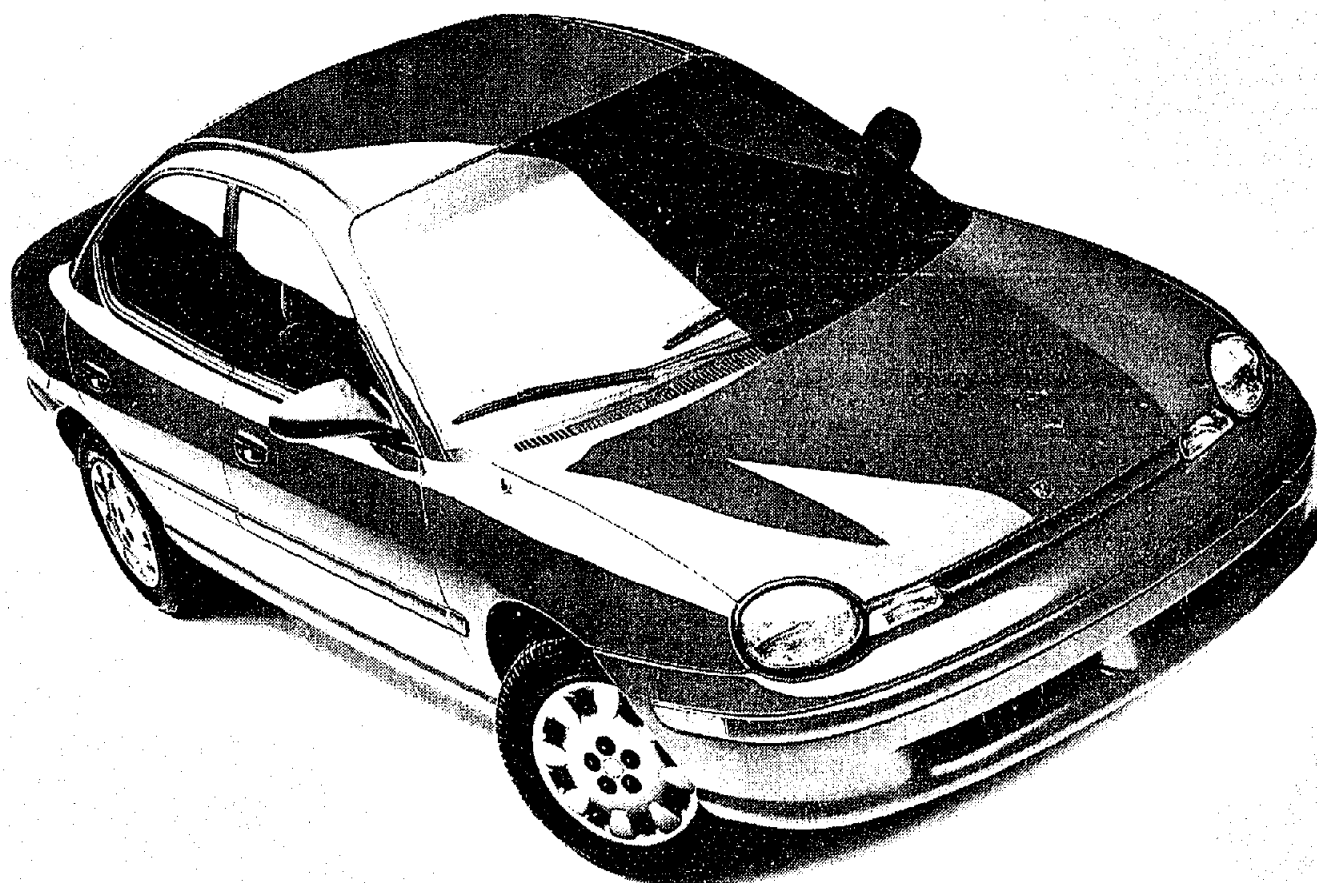
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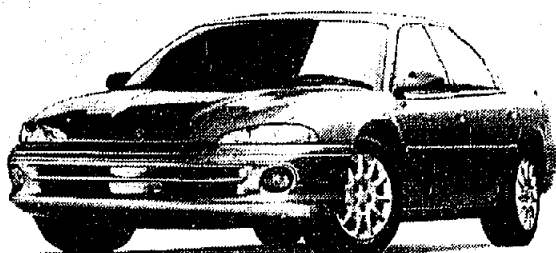
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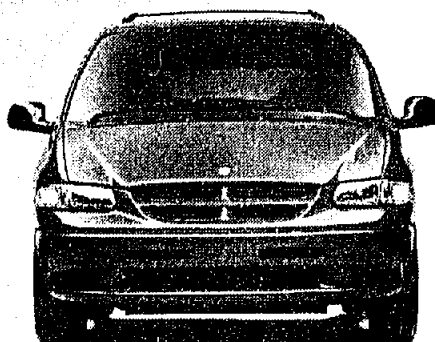
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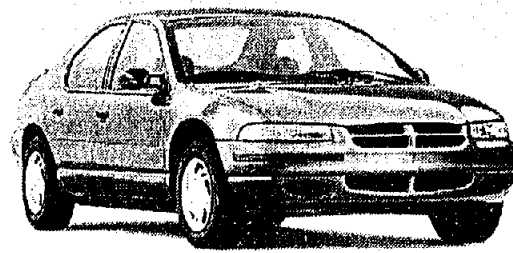
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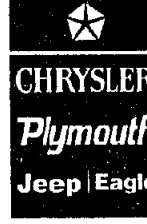


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Legion busy with sports events

By Peter Crompton, Royal Canadian Legion
LOTS OF WORK, but a great success. That's the word from our Sports chairperson, Joyce Bradley.

The bonspiel, the open darts tournament, the zone darts playdowns and the Northern Winter Games darts were all completed without a hitch. Everyone involved should be proud of their efforts.

It appears everyone is in good spirits at the branch these days. Even Charlie Meek was seen buying an Englishman a drink, and Nelson Gillis and Harry Rogers were caught sword fencing across the pool table.

The pool tournament is going well. Don't forget we need to wrap this up before the end of April.

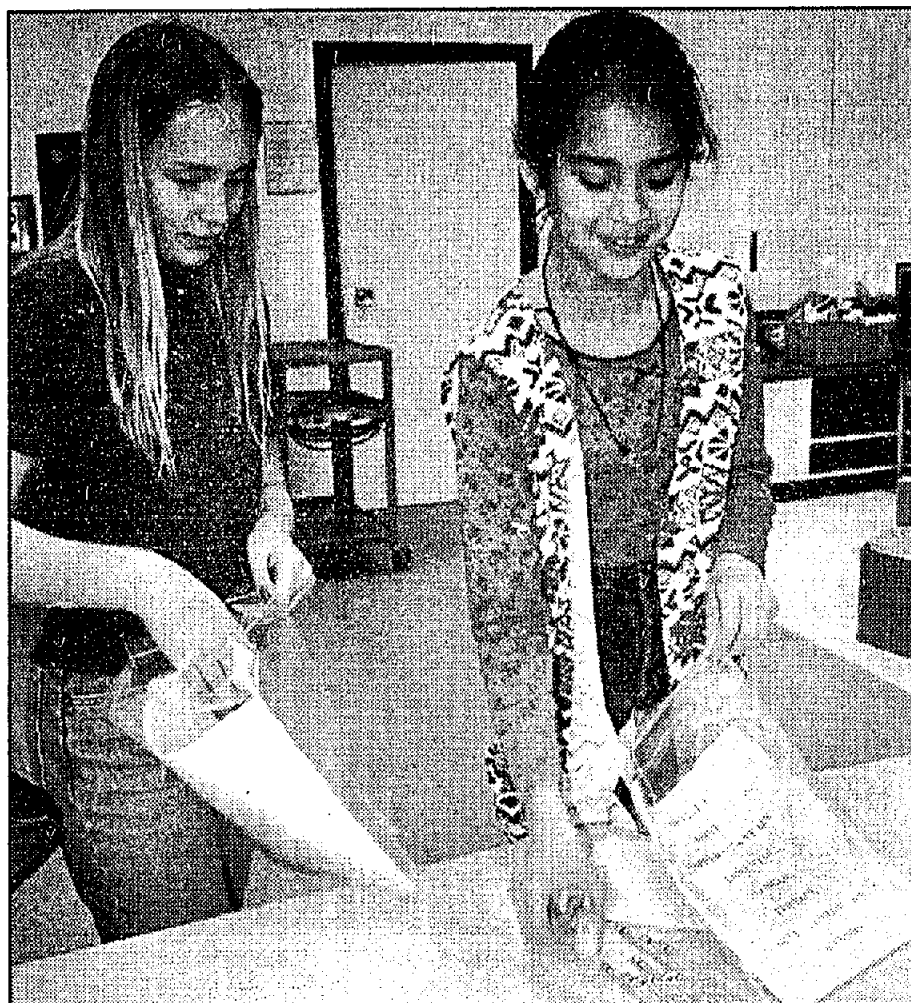
April 27-30 is the Loggers' Bonspiel. We need help to work the kitchen those days, so please contact Joyce Bradley and volunteer some time. It is very important that we meet our obligations for this event.

We have no word yet with regards to our Poem, Poster and Essay winners from provincial contest. Hopefully we will find out this month.

The Veterans Affairs representative will be at the legion on Wednesday, March 19, from 8:30 - 10:30 am. Anyone wishing to meet with her contact Peter Crompton at 638-8627.

Steak night is March 7 and the general meeting is March 11.

Unfortunately we lost veterans A. Lavoie, Turner and Shannon during the month of January, and also Associate Patricia Ostertag. We will remember them.



GRADE SIX students Ashley Collins and Danielle Sahey spent part of Valentine's Day packing school supplies for students in Zambia. Both girls also included a letter in the package. Danielle wrote about her hobbies which are watching TV and playing games with friends, while Ashley described her dog and pet lizards.

Local author is halfway there

A LOCAL author who wants to publish a book on the northwest's kermodei bear has half of the money she needs to complete the project.

Tess Tessier has the book almost ready for printing but needs \$12,500 on top of the \$12,500 she already has.

"I'd like to get underway as soon as possible," said Tessier who plans to tour B.C. schools to promote conservation through the book.

It's called "Moksgm'ol. White Spirit Bear" and contains 34 pages featuring the photographic works of 21 local and other people.

The book will be another in a long line of publications by Tessier.

Tessier wants an initial printing of 5,000 copies.

She's best known around town for her purple and pink motorhome. It serves as her home away from home while on the road.

Students help overseas

WE'RE USED to thinking about how important computers are to have in the classroom. But imagine not even having adequate supplies of paper, pencils and erasers?

That's the challenge facing students in Zambia. It's a challenge students at Copper Mountain Elementary took on this Valentine's Day.

Below, students Chad Grier and Cameron Kelso write about "Project Love."

On Valentine's Day, students in grades 3-7 at Copper Mt. Elementary school sent school supplies to students in Zambia.

This program is called Project Love.

These packages include: paper, an eraser, a pencil and a letter written by a Canadian student.

In Zambia supplies are very scarce. They fill up their notebooks and then erase everything to conserve paper.

The contents in this package would cost a Zambian worker 4 and 1/2 days wages. We have gladly raised the money ourselves by having dances, bake sales, jello sales, etc.

This is the fourth year we have participated in Project Love. We have also sent supplies to Ghana and some students received letters back from students in Ghana.

YOU BE THE JUDGE

"Is The Business Advice of the Chief Rabbi Tax Deductible"

by Claire Bernstein



Based On Actual Court Cases

"Sholom," his secretary called from the other room, "your accountant is on the phone. Something about the tax people refusing to deduct two items as legitimate business expenses: your three trips to Israel to get business advice from the chief rabbi, and your daughter's wedding reception here in Montreal."

Sholom looked up from the drawings of the latest lamp he had designed for his lamp company. He picked up his phone and spoke quietly into it. "Max, I may be a businessman but I'm also a religious man. I belong to a strict Hassidic sect. The government is not used to a businessman who is forbidden to lie. Hire a tax lawyer, Max. We will fight the government."

In court, the prosecutor pleaded the case for the Minister of Revenue.

"Your honor, surely Sholom doesn't have to go thousands of miles away to Israel for business advice. Surely, there was a religious wise man at home who could have given him advice. Those trips to Israel were holidays not a corporate expense."

"And what could be more personal than his daughter's wedding reception? Even if there were some business contacts there, it's not clear what part of the reception costs relate exclusively to business. Please throw out Sholom's claim."

Sholom got up to plead.

"Your honor, I know it's hard for this court to understand, but important and

successful Jewish businessmen who are members of the Belzer Hassidic community come from all over the world to seek the advice of the chief rabbi of Israel on major business decisions. What's so surprising to pay \$22,000 for the trips? It's like paying \$22,000 for consultation fees. Peanuts for a million dollar business.

"And my daughter's wedding reception was also a business expense. I am kosher and religious. I cannot do the regular business entertaining that non-religious business people do at restaurants or baseball games. My daughter's wedding provided a promotional event for all my clients and business contacts."

"After the wedding, I got a fantastic offer of \$100,000 a year for a sole distributorship of our wonderful glow-in-the-dark lampshades. So you can see, the \$12,000 I am claiming for the cost of the wedding - and just for the business people - was a legitimate business expense."

Should Sholom's trips to Israel and his daughter's wedding be allowed as business expenses? YOU BE THE JUDGE. Then look below for the court's decision.

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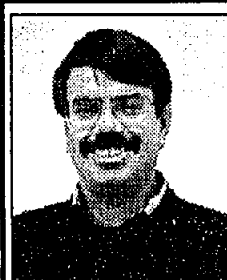
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YOU BE THE JUDGE - DECISION

"Sholom, yes to your wedding expenses, no to your trips to Israel," decided the court. "The wedding expenses involving business contacts are deductible. A clear decision was made to take advantage of a personal event and make it in part a business promotion. "But you didn't convince me about the Israel trips. Why couldn't you get advice from a local Hassidic leader in Montreal? Now, it's not for this court to second-guess the type of adviser you need. But detailed explanations are necessary when such an exceptional expense is made. And this court didn't get those explanations."

YOU BE THE JUDGE is based on actual court cases. Today's decision is based on the facts of the case and the law of Canada. If you have a similar problem, please consult a lawyer in your province. Claire Bernstein is a lawyer and syndicated columnist. Copyright 1997 Haika Enterprises. b9-2je



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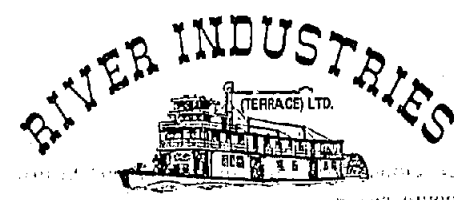
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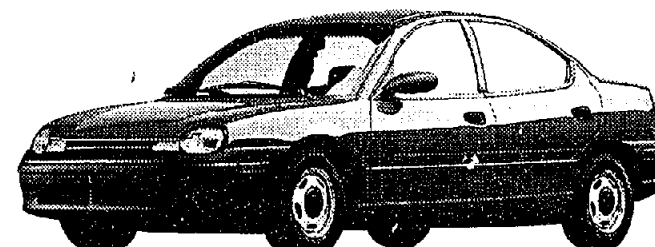
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On the water

AT MISKUSA I climbed aboard the West Coast One as two Haisla Watchmen — young conservation officers in training — and a family of obviously well-heeled folks from somewhere in the American heartland, each nicely turned out in that nouveau outdoor wear that comes in a variety of unnatural, recently patented colours and materials, climbed into Bruce Hill's whaler with some difficulty.

The elegant woman — apparently the mother of the two teenagers on board and a former model, I suspected — looked fearfully at the bilge water sloshing around in the bottom of the boat, at the bold black letters painted on its side that gave the maximum capacity as seven, at the bear-like man who was now to be her pilot into the wilderness, at all the mounds of camping gear strewn about the decks, at the crowd of passengers surrounding her. Then looked imploringly at the bearded man (whom I fancied was some kind of financial wizard dealing in bonds, stocks, or some such junk).

I noticed that her outdoor hat — which, given its starched appearance was seeing the outdoors for the first time — was bobby-pinned to her hairdo. A gray, pipe smoking, tweedy gentleman, obviously the patriarch of the clan, and obviously loaded (with money, that is) bade farewell to the Haisla skipper before squeezing onto Hill's craft. "Nice trip Russell," he said as if he were talking to his chauffeur or his stable boy. I was glad I didn't have to spend any time with this character.

Dark clouds were scudding over our heads. We could see hard rain on the highest peaks. Dirty weather was rolling quickly down the valleys. I turned and shook hands with the captain: "Rob Brown," I said. "Russell Ross," he said. We watched as the whaler bounced through the growing chop toward the Kitlope. The white folks were obviously potential benefactors whose trip to wilderness had been arranged by American conservation group Ecotrust.

I watched as it headed into the teeth of the storm and wondered how the well-to-do Americans would fare in the sopping woods for a week. "That's serious weather coming at us, Russell." "You bet," he nodded.

"Those guys are rich, eh?"

Russell had the anchor up and was cruising North. "Yeah. One guy told me he had millions. I told him whales swim up on the beach when they are ready to die. I told him you can find their skeletons in the woods." He smiled impishly. "He believed me."

I laughed but made a note to watch out for similar yarns. The big diesel thrummed from the heart of the boat. The radio crackled. Russell held out a thermos of iced tea. I poured a big cup, and accepted a sandwich. Russell opened his eyes wide. "Sometimes we hit rough weather. I open my eyes like this, and get real quiet. Boy, some of those guys wonder what they got themselves into," he winked.

We moved down-channel, just ahead of the weather, talking of sasquatch sightings, log salvage, netting eulachon and fish and fishing in general.

"I remember fishing the Kitimat River with my dad when I was small," Russell said. "We set up camp near the mouth of the river. Sometimes we brought up toilet paper and stuff from the sewage plant in our nets. It made my dad mad. One day we strung a gill net for steelhead — it must've been the spring — and this rookie federal fish officer from Kitimat came down and told us it was illegal to fish there. He said we had to take out our nets. My dad told him, no way. So, next day the boss came down."

"Anyway, the old guy comes the next day and asks my dad to take out the net. My dad tells him that if anyone touches that net there's going to be trouble. He tells the older cop that it's all the crap from the mill and the sewage plant that's ruining the runs, not native gill nets." A picture of waste bubbling up in the industrial park land part of the Kitimat streaked through my mind.

"That water's clean, Russ, the officer says to my dad. So, my dad empties his coffee, reaches down and scoops a cupful of it. Then he holds it up and says, here you drink it if it's clean. The guy looks embarrassed. I don't have to drink that water to know it's clean, he says."

Russ shook his head and poured another cup of iced tea. "We haven't fished there for years," he said wistfully.

At the confluence of Kildala Arm, Douglas and Devastation Channels we hit heavy seas. Russ' eyes didn't widen, but he did get quiet. Instead of the direct crossing we went with the waves for a mile then turned, smashing against the grain for ten tense minutes before finding security in the lee side of an island. I was glad I had spent some time with this character.

Wildcats host hoop fest

SKEENA JUNIOR played host to a four team Junior Girls Basketball tournament last weekend and there was lots of hot hoop action for fans to enjoy.

The teams from Prince Rupert and Kitimat all played well and the weekend saw some big upsets.

Skeena won their first match against Charles Hays by a noschair after being ahead 21-12 at the half. The Hays squad came back, but not quite far enough and Skeena won 28-26 thanks to solid performances by Reann Sousa and Rachel Morrison.

The next game was a huge upset, as undefeated Mount Elizabeth was shut down by Prince Rupert Secondary, who had not won a game this season.

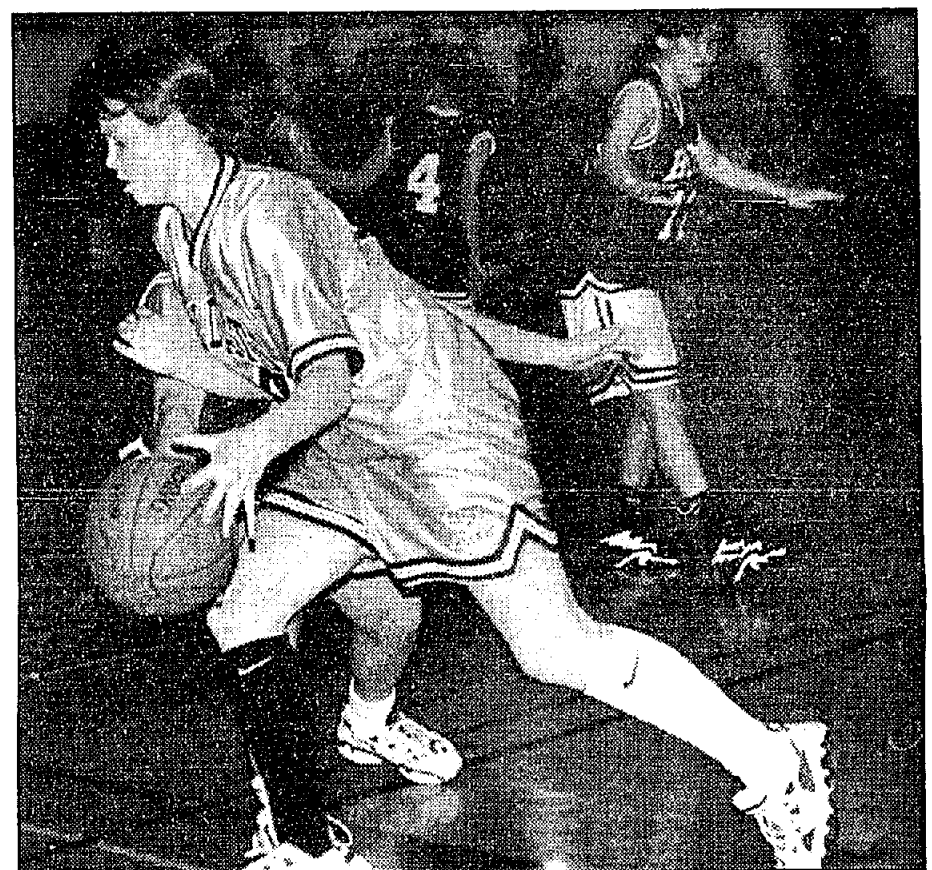
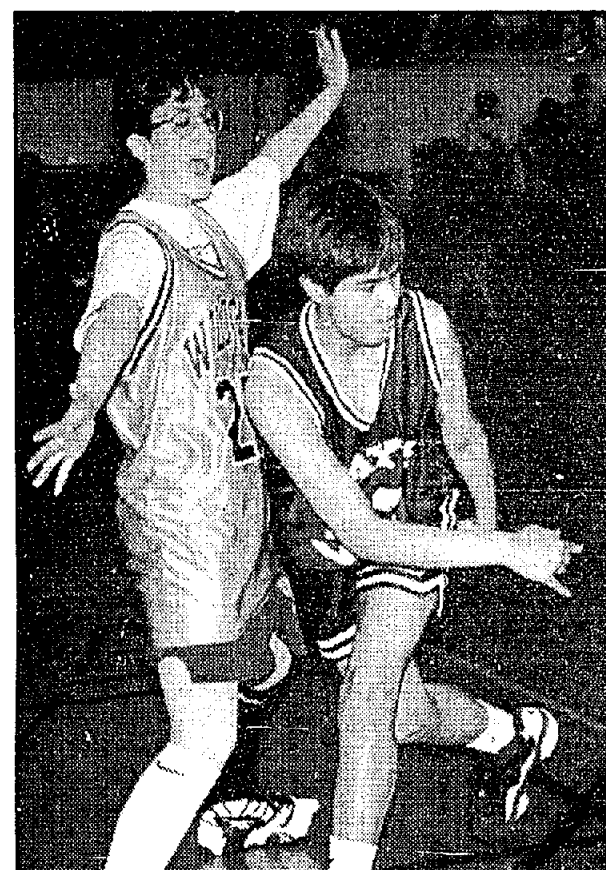
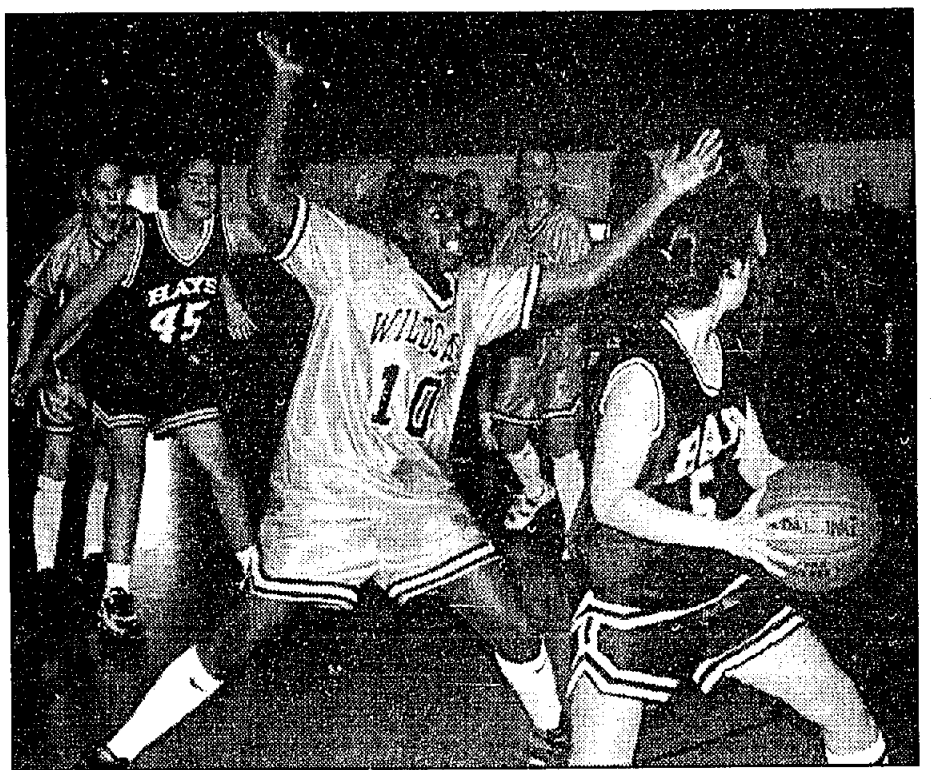
PRSS did not fare as well against Skeena, thanks largely to a 25 point performance from all star Rachel Morrison. Skeena won 38-23.

In the first game of the Finals, Skeena was up against Mount Elizabeth. The Wildcats had a strong first half, but Kitimat came back in the second. They slowly closed the gap and Skeena lost a heartbreaker 49-47.

Coach Marg Anderson says her team played well but had a few problems.

"They're a great bunch," she says. "But sometimes they have a hard time keeping up the pressure and dealing with fouls."

Anderson says MESS offers great competition, with good shooting and extremely tough rebounding.



Skeena takes Zone Finals

IT'S TOUGH to pin down the girls from Skeena Junior Secondary.

That's what other female wrestlers from the zone have been finding out all season. And the point was hammered home when the girls tied for first place at the Zone Championships February 15.

The win means the team will be heading south to the Provincial Championships this weekend in Vancouver.

And that will give other top provincial teams a chance to discover just how tough the competition from

the northwest can be.

It's been an exceptional season for the girls, who lack experience but make up for it in drive.

"They've worked really hard all year for this," says coach Dave O'Brien. "But they're all still quite young — Grade 10 or younger."

This is the first time the Skeena girls' squad has won the Zone Championships. And O'Brien says the Provincials will be tough competition for them, as they will be wrestling an older, much more experienced crew from the lower

mainland.

"Our team is a lot stronger than last year. Of course, that could be true for the competition too," he says. "We don't know them, but they don't know us either."

O'Brien cautiously says his group can at least make the top 10, although he also says top five is certainly not out of reach.

Three male wrestler from Terrace scored big at the Zones as well. James Bohm of Caledonia took gold and the Zone Championships in his weight class.

Ajit Jaswal also did well, earning a berth at the Provincials with his bronze medal.

Jaswal will be travelling with the Kitwanga boys' team, since the Skeena boys fourth-place finish at the Zones wasn't enough to make the team finals.

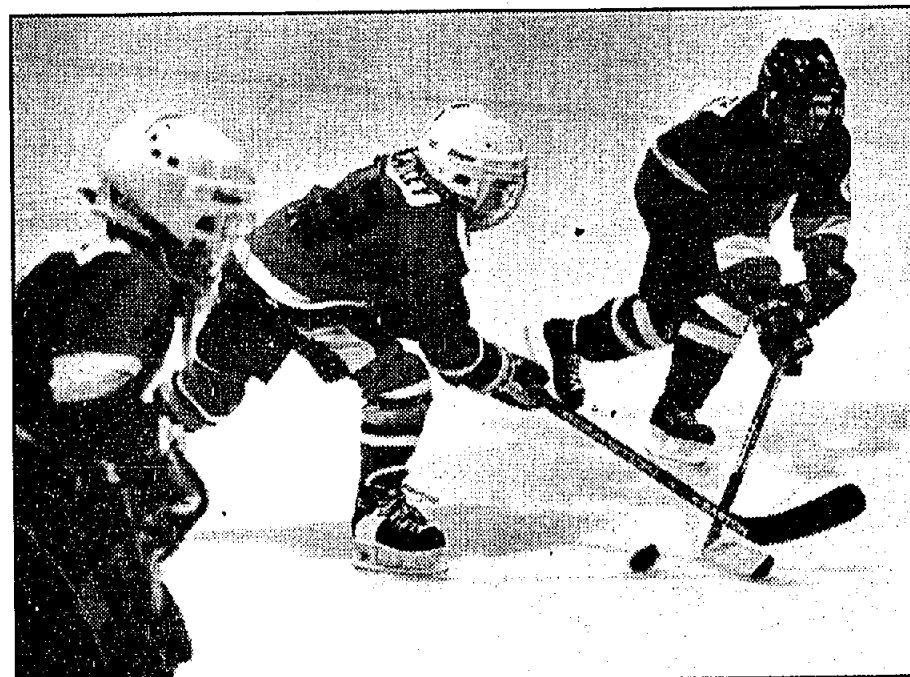
Although Jon Peltier from Skeena also had an outstanding performance, he's too young for the Provincials. The Grade-eight took gold in his weight class and O'Brien says Peltier will be an even stronger contender next year.

Other gold medal winners from Terrace include Tracy Ridler, Stephanie Laplante and Pam Haugland.

Silver medals went to Candie Russell, Grace Wittkowski, Laura Carpino, Brenna Smith, Brent Trombley and Kirk Spenser.

And bronze medals went to Jen Eide, Mindy Alton, Angie McRae and Amanda Hart.

The Terrace team leaves today for the Provincials, which will take place in Vancouver from February 27-29.



Puck scramble

HOCKEY'S HEATING up in Terrace. The season's in the home stretch now and some leagues are starting playoffs. This game had the Elks go up against R40 Construction in Terrace Minor Hockey's Novice Division. These guys don't have playoffs, but you wouldn't have known that by their determination. It was a close game, but R40 came out on top 3-1 with goals by Robert Vanlierde and a pair by Jason Adam. James McEwan scored the lone Elks goal.

Terrace picks up medals

EVEN THOUGH the 1997 Northern BC Winter Games are over, games fever is still in high gear.

That's because this past weekend 36 Terrace athletes, coaches and officials were down in Campbell River for the 1997 BC Winter Games.

Terrace athletes competed in everything from badminton, gymnastics, hockey, and karate, to ringette, skiing and swimming.

One of the first events where Terrace athletes found gold was swimming.

Terrace Blueback swimmer Seth Downs went on a medal spree Friday, winning gold in the 200 metre butterfly, bronze in the 200 freestyle, silver in the 400 freestyle and another bronze in the 4x50 metre relay.

That gave him a four-medal run in just one day. Julie Vanderlee also had a great Friday. She snagged silver in the 100 butterfly and the 200 freestyle.

A complete list of results was not available at press time, so watch for the winners to be listed in the next Terrace Standard.

Sport Scope

Men's soccer meet

ALTHOUGH THE indoor soccer season still has a month to go, it's already time to start gearing up for the outdoor game. Terrace Men's Soccer will be having its first meeting of the year at 7 pm on Tuesday, March 4 in the Terrace Public Library's meeting room. For more information, call Lorenzo Campanelli at 635-7871.

Skiing's great at lake

THE ONION Lake ski trails are groomed and in good condition. Last weekend the site hosted the 16th annual Alcan Ski Marathon, a Heart and Stroke fundraiser, look for results in an upcoming *Standard*. The 80 cm base and soft surface makes for easy skiing. Waxless skis, orange or universal klister works great for the spring-like conditions.

Bowlers head to Zones

A NUMBER OF youth bowlers from Terrace are heading to the Zone Finals to compete with other bowlers everywhere from Prince Rupert to Fort St. John to Prince George. Success at the Zones means the youths head to the Provincials in March and then maybe even the Nationals in July. The Bantam girls team is made up of Jessica Crawford, Carmen Durand, Sheryl Mumford, Rebecca Newton and Melia Stephens, while the boys team consists of Mathew Adams, Douglas Hayes, Lee Johnson, Mathieu Mageau and Arthur Thomsen. Single juniors bowling at the Finals include Michelle Francis and Carl Haugland. Richard Wiebe is the sole Senior Boys single rep from Terrace, but the Senior Boys team consists of James Adams, David Alway, Michael Cooper, Ryan Sergerie and Corey Trogi. Senior girls include Erica Francis, Letitia Heeley, Tanya Olsson, Jamie Striker and Michelle Wiebe. The Junior Boys consist of Phillip Durand, Robbie Miller, Jesse Mumford, Jonathan Peltier and Joey Prevost.

Junior tennis club registers

THE TERRACE Junior Tennis Club is getting set for spring by holding a registration day at the Skeena Mall. Registration will take place Friday, February 28, from 6-9 p.m. and Saturday, March 1, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. The club is for players aged 10-16 years, who have had some lessons or experience playing tennis. Players must have their own racquets, but tennis balls are provided. Organizers say this is a great opportunity for youngsters because tennis is a sport that can be played for a lifetime at very little cost. For more information, call Ada Sarsiat at 635-9695.

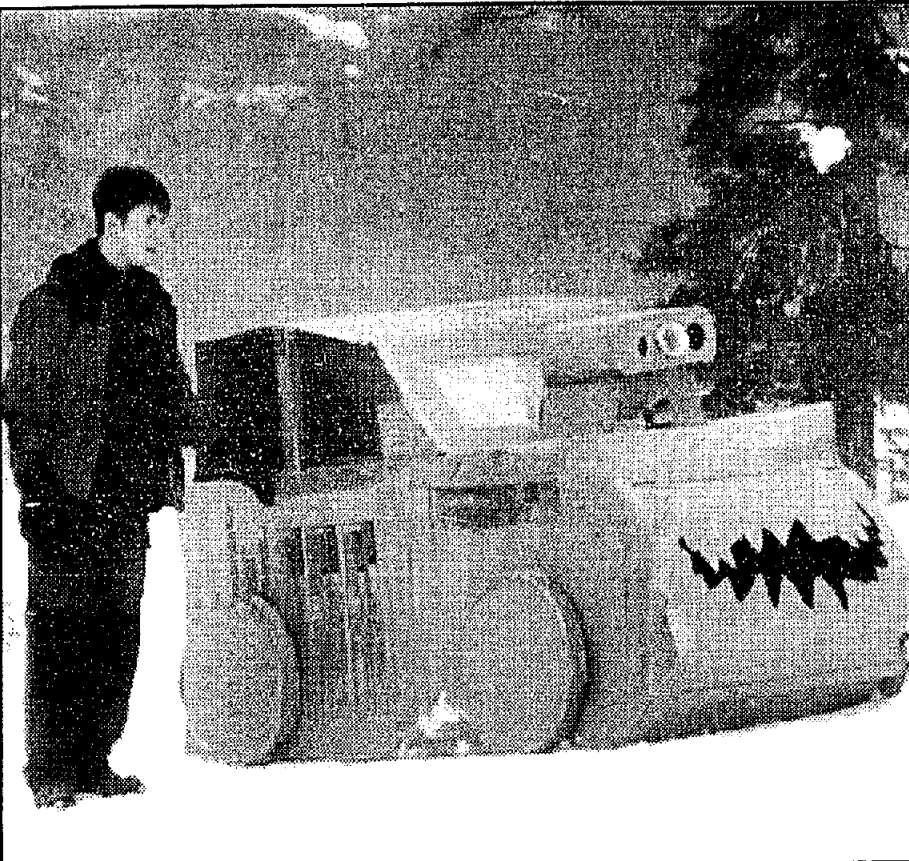
Cal hosts Zones

CALEDONIA WILL host the senior basketball Zone Championships this weekend. Hoop action starts Friday, February 28 and winds up on Sunday, March 2. Get out and support the home team.

More medal winners from Northern BC Games

THE FOLLOWING is a corrected list of Northern BC Winter Games bowling winners reflecting Fort St. John and Terrace winners. In the team event, gold went to Fort St. John, which was made up of bowlers from that city and some from Terrace, as the Fort St. John team was short of players. James and Mary Lea, and Dave and Hattie Close were Fort St. John competitors on the team, while David Alway, Michelle Francis, Gerry Bradford, Anne Payne, Norm Gibson, Erica Francis, Darcy Netzel and Lesley Durand were the Terrace players who joined up to make a full team. Silver went to the Bulkley Valley team and bronze went to Terrace. The local team consisted of Michael Meijer, Letitia Heeley, Pat Taylor, Cathy Wiebe, Bill Ross, Dorothy Alway, Richard Wiebe, Jennifer Ansems, Bryan Netzel, Brenda Pastershank, Mighty Moe and Nonna Lefrancois. In individual competition, Terrace's Michael Meijer and Michelle Francis took gold in the youth division, while David Alway took silver. In the adult individual division, it was Darcy Netzel and Cathy Wiebe winning gold, with Gerry Bradford winning silver and Bryan Netzel taking the bronze. In the senior division, James Lea and Dorothy Alway won gold, with Mighty Moe taking a silver. There were also four over-300 games bowled during the games, which shows the calibre of play at the event. The unfortunate death of Mr. Steve Falebrinza during this tournament was also reported incorrectly. He died on Sunday morning, February 9, not Saturday as earlier reported.

SEVERAL JUJITSU medalists were also not reported, including Leeland Sturko, who took gold in junior boys fighting. The win was especially sweet for nine-year-old Leeland, who had been bumped up to the 10 to 12-year-old category and was fighting bigger, older competitors. Leeland also took four bronze medals at the games. Problems in communications resulted in several similar errors and omissions in the medal standings. Congratulations go to all medal winners at the Northern BC Winter Games.



NINE CONTESTANTS and dozens of spectators turned out for the second annual cardboard box races at Shames Mountain. That's Big Bad Ass Race Machine primed and ready for a run down the hill. Bad Ass won best design of the day.

Slippery fun at box races

"OLE!" WAS the word of choice two weekends ago when Shames Mountain held their second annual cardboard box race - part of Mexican Days on the mountain. Daredevil contestants had to build their snow racers entirely out of cardboard for the event. This year, there were nine entrants of varying style and racworthiness. Warm weather and moist snow conditions slowed the speedsters down a bit, but they still managed a good race and several exciting crashes as the boxes plummeted down the hill's Panhandler run. The furthest run of the day went to Kelly Vanderploug, driving the Slush Mobile, while furthest run on it's side was won by April Atwell and Tony Rivard driving April's Magic Bus. Most brutal crash of the day was won by the Dead Shuttle team of Paul Foyster and Luis Diaz. Anyone doubting the seriousness of these racers need only look at the Big Bad Ass Race Machine, driven by Dean and Kieran Campbell, and Shelly Milton. Bad Ass was carefully crafted out of an old refrigerator box and duct tape and easily won best design of the day. Runner up for best design went to Reservation Racer, driven by Mat Eichorst.

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Terrace Youth Soccer

1997 Registration - Skeena Mall

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Saturday, February 22	10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Friday, February 28	6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 1	10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Eligible: Girls & Boys born in 1986-1991\$50.00
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Birth Certificates: Photocopies of birth certificates are required. Passport and baptismal certificates are also accepted.

Terrace Youth Soccer Association promotes sportsmanship, fair play, skill development and opportunities for recreational and competitive soccer activities

- 1) Level I Theory - NCCP - All sports April 5 and 6, 1997
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- 3) Level III Technical - Soccer - April 26 & 27, 1997

For More Information: Bev Bujtas (Registrar) 635-3719

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First Friday of Every Month

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Tip #6

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Shames Mountain Office: 635-3773
4545 Lakelse Ave., Terrace, B.C.

SHAMES MOUNTAIN SKIER DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

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- 140 Snowmobiles
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- 170 Farm Machinery
- 180 Pets
- 190 Livestock
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- 220 Lost and Found
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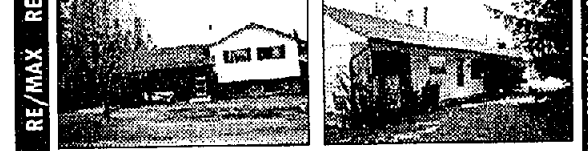
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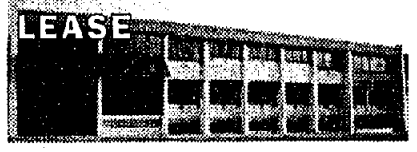
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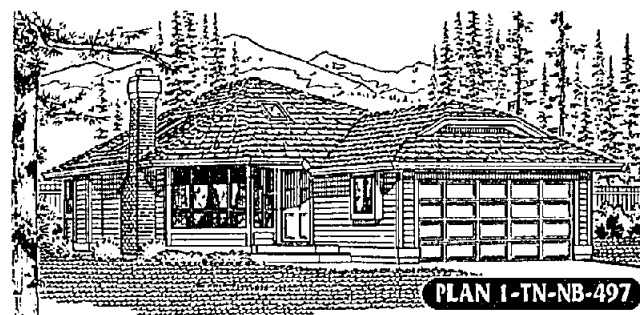
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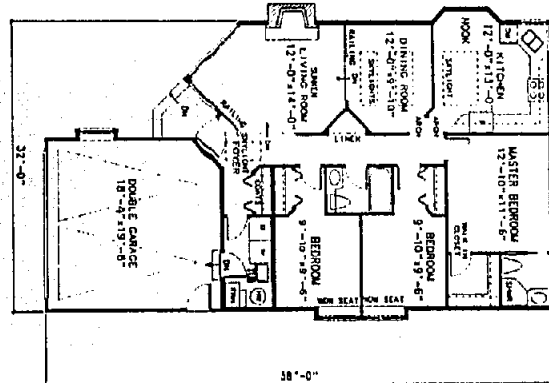
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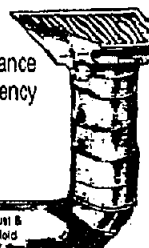


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Services were held at Knox United Church on Jan. 27, 1997. Interment will take place at the family plot in Whitemouth Man. at a later date.
Nancy was predeceased by her loving husband George, brothers Oliver, Alta, and sister Elvira.
The family wishes to express their sincere gratitude to Mel and Cecile for always being there for her, also her homemaker Fernande, Terrace Ambulance Service, the doctors and nurses for the wonderful care given her.
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WELL ESTABLISHED Terrace based Distributorship, with Weston Baker's Limited. Based in Terrace and serving Kitimat, Terrace, Kitwanga and points North. Present Distributor selling for health reasons. This well established route has large growth potential for the right person. Purchase price includes company Hand-Held computer system, and 1995 International 5 ton. Please reply in confidence to Brian (Shirley) Montgomery, Spectra North Distributors, 5015 Agar Ave, Terrace, BC V8G 1H9 or phone 1-250-635-9132 or 1-250-635-3808.

300. HELP WANTED

A GROWTH opportunity awaits the success-minded self-motivated individual who is accepted into our training program. For those students with marketing, hiring and training skills, fast promotions to Branch and division responsibilities are in store. Call 635-3066 for an interview and ask for Kathy.

BULKLEY VALLEY Home Centre, a well established, aggressive and growing company requires a sales person. This is a long term position with a complete benefit package. The candidate should be ambitious, eager to learn and responsible. Please forward your resume to Bulkley Valley Home Centre Ltd., A. Vriend, Box 190, Telkwa, B.C. V0J 2X0, fax: 250-846-5816, e mail hnhc@mail.netshop.net

FULL TIME meat cutter required. Send resumes to Shoppers Food Mart, Box 322, Hazelton, B.C. V0J 1Y0. 250-842-5231. Fax 250-842-6849.

LOOKING FOR cook/baker with Asian cooking experience for Dragon Cafe in Kitimat, B.C. Experience required. Salary negotiable. Send resume to: 238 City Centre, Kitimat B.C. V8C 1T6.

PUB RENOVATIONS soon completed. Additional personnel needed. Apply in person with resume at the Terrace Inn between 2 and 4 pm.

SENIOR LITIGATION SECRETARY required in busy, complex practice in SMITHERS. Minimum five years experience, computer literate, organized, independent, hard-worker. **CONVEYANCE & CORPORATE SECRETARY** required May 1, 1997 in SMITHERS. Minimum three years experience, computer skills needed: BC Online, Word for Windows etc. Please fax or mail resume, letters of reference, date available and salary expectations to: G.E. GREENE LAW CORPORATION Box 940 Smithers, B.C. V0J 2N0. Fax 1-250-847-4029.

THE BURNS Lake Dental Clinic is currently accepting resumes for the position of part-time/casual receptionist as well as part-time dental assistant. Resumes, with a cover letter indicating the position applied for, may be mailed to box 169, Burns Lake, V0J 1E0. Deadline for submission March 7th, 1997.

TRAVEL CONSULTANT, full time, minimum one year experience Apollo Accounting. Submit resume to Carlson Wagonlit Travel.

WE ARE looking for a self-motivated responsible individual for full time employment. Applicant must be able to work with minimum supervision. Duties will include shipping/receiving and counter sales. Interested applicants reply by mail only please. All will be held in strict confidence. Mail resume to: Convo Supply, 4821 Keith Ave., Terrace BC, V8G 1K7.

FISHERIES BIOLOGIST REQUIRED

A local natural resource consulting firm is seeking an experienced, motivated professional to fill the position as fisheries biologist. Experience with electroshocking, habitat assessment and report writing is required. This is a full-time, permanent position with salary and benefits contingent upon experience.

Please send resume to:
P.O. Box 1218, Terrace, B.C. V8G 5P7
before March 5, 1997.

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658 LaFontaine Road P.O. Box 4123
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Is now hiring for the 1997 field season in the Hazelton area.

Full time & seasonal positions include:

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- Forest Technicians
- Professional Foresters

Fax resumé to 1-(250)-344-2130
Attn: Randy Appleton

For further details and interview time contact Randy Appleton
@ 1-(250)-344-2121

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March 1	9:00am - 5:00pm.....	\$75
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March 15	8:00am - 4:00pm.....	\$75

TRANSPORTATION ENDORSEMENT (WCB)

March 8	8:00am - 4:00pm.....	\$75
April 5	8:00am - 4:00pm.....	\$75

LEVEL 3 FIRST AID (WCB)

Mar. 17 - 31	8:00am - 4:00pm.....	\$595
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March 11	8:00am - Noon.....	\$40
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TRAFFIC CONTROL - Filling up fast!

March 6 & 7	8:00am - 4:00pm.....	\$150
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March 4 & 5	8:00am - 4:00pm.....	\$200
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EUROCAN PULP & PAPER CO., a division of West Fraser, in Kitimat, B.C. is seeking applications for the following positions:

Maintenance Shutdown Tradespeople

Eurocan Pulp & Paper Co. will be having a scheduled maintenance shutdown from May 1 - May 12, 1997.

We are currently looking for temporary tradespeople who are willing to work for the duration of the shutdown. Overtime will be required.

Maintenance Shutdown Tradespeople are required in the following trades:

- Pipefitters
- Millwrights
- Electricians
- Carpenters
- Instrument Mechanics
- Welders (Pressure ticket required)

Candidates for these positions must hold a valid trades qualification ticket.

The current hourly rate for journeyman tradespeople is \$25.87.

Interested candidates should apply in writing, and enclose copies of Certification, by March 30, 1997 to:

Human Resources Assistant
Eurocan Pulp & Paper Co.
P.O. Box 1400
Kitimat, B.C. V8C 2H1



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310. CAREERS

NOW HIRING! Cruise ships! Travel and get paid. Year round positions. Men/women. Free room/board. Will train. Call 7 days. 1-504-641-7778. EXT 0565C7.

320. WORK WANTED

HARVESTER PROCESSOR for hire. Owner Operator, 250-842-5662.

Looking for Child Care?

Skeena child care support program can help you make the right choice for your child. For information on choosing care and available options, call

Coco at 638-1113.

A free service provided by the Terrace Women's Resource Centre and funded by the Ministry of Women's Equality.

300. HELP WANTED

Licensed Esthetician

Needed, with artificial nail experience. Full time or part-time work available. Apply in person to:



4652 Lazelle Ave. 635-4997

FISHERIES BIOLOGIST/TECHNICIAN

Forest Floor Contracting Ltd., a well-established forest management consultant, is currently seeking a permanent, full-time Fisheries Biologist/Technician to complete stream classification activities and assist in forest management activities.

The successful candidate will have experience in all aspects of stream classification work. Forest management experience would be a definite asset. Strong organizational and interpersonal skills are required. The successful candidate will be required to work both independently and as part of a team.

Please submit resume by March 5 to:

Steve Little
Forest Floor Contracting Ltd.
P.O. Box 1570 177 E. Columbia
Vanderhoof, B.C. V0J 3A0
Phone: 1-250-567-3995 Fax: 1-250-567-3985

Heavy Duty Service Representative / Service Advisor

S. MADILL LTD. is presently accepting applications for a superior Heavy Duty Field Service Mechanic / Service Advisor. This challenging position requires an individual with superior technical abilities and above average communication and people skills. Extensive mobile hydraulics experience and specialized knowledge of Feller Bunchers, Hydraulic Log Loaders and Cable Yards is preferred. Qualified candidates may submit a resume, including references, and a hand-written cover letter to:

S. MADILL LTD.
9809 Milwaukee Way
Prince George, B.C.
V2N 2K8
Attn: Branch Manager

Job Posting Temporary Contract Position

Position: Kincolith Fisheries Supervisor - Contract Position
Location: Kincolith, B.C.
Period of contract: Approximately 6 months, 1 April to 30 September
Application Deadline: 3 March 1997 (4 p.m.)

As a contractor to the Nisga'a Tribal Council, the Kincolith Fisheries Supervisor will work together with scientists, enforcement officers and fisheries technicians to meet the objectives of the Nisga'a Fisheries Program.

The successful applicant will have excellent interpersonal communication skills, experience providing supervision, training and management, and three to five years of experience in fish culturing/hatchery techniques and other related fisheries work. Post secondary education is preferred. Contract price will be commensurate with qualifications. Accommodations will be provided.

Submit covering letter (including availability), resume and references to:

Jim Adams
Financial Administrator
Nisga'a Tribal Council
New Aiyansh, B.C. V0J 1A0

Experienced Salesperson Required

For carpet and vinyl flooring sales in Terrace, B.C. area.

We Offer:

- Competitive Pay
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- Full training in all aspects of our operation

Requirements:

- Previous Sales Experience
- Floor covering knowledge an asset, but not necessary
- Mature & Reliable
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- Able to perform physical duties

Send Resume To:

End of the Roll
#7 4717 Lakelse Ave,
Terrace, B.C. V8G 1R5
Fax (250) 635-7887



320. WORK WANTED

MOM WITH school/preschoolers will provide child care in my home, bench area, 5 minutes from uplands school. After school care also available 638-0051.

PAINTER 15 years experience for professional work, low rates, interior/exterior. Special rates for seniors and free estimate. Call 635-3783.

PROFESSIONAL CARING nanny willing to work in your home, Thursday thru Sunday at any time. Comfortable pleasant working environment a must. excellent references. Please call 835-1177.

Richard Thorton Construction

fully experienced carpenter available for construction, renovation or repair. Winter rates. Call 638-8526

300. HELP WANTED

330. NOTICES

ATTENTION LIBERALS

For information on memberships & nominations for the upcoming election contact:
Ingrid Clark, 627-7984 President, Skeena Riding Liberal Party of Canada.

THORNHILL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday Service 10:45
At The Thornhill Community Hall
Teens & Adult Bible Classes
Sundays Cool Club 9:30 - 11:30
College & Careers
Teens Youth Groups
Adult Mid-week Bible Studies
College's Preschool 4 M.T.W.S
Thursdays 9:30 - 11:00 Oct-May
Pastor Ray Rooker
Pastor Rob Robinson
Phone: 635-5058

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10:30 a.m. Sunday School and Worship
Minister
The Rev. Michael Hare

St. Matthew's Anglican Church

4514 Lakelse Ave.
Ph. 635-9019
Emergencies: 638-1472
Pastor: The Rev. Dean Houghton
Deacon: The Rev. Jim Cain
Come Worship With us
Sundays 10:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist
Sunday School & Nursery available
Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.

340. LEGAL NOTICES

Invitation to TENDER



TERRACE
Parking Lot Sweeping
Various Locations
96-TMB032

Sealed tenders are invited to provide parking lot sweeping services at the following locations:

Courthouse, 3408 Kalum Street
Health Centre, 3412 Kalum Street
Ministry of Highways, 4825 Keith Avenue
Highways Geotechnical Bldg., 4837 Keith Avenue
Ambulance Station, Highway 16 West
BC Buildings Corporation, 2918 South Eby Street

Sealed tenders will be received by British Columbia Buildings Corporation at 2918 South Eby Street, Terrace, B.C., V8G 2X5, until the 7th of March, 1997, 3:00 p.m. local time, and opened in public shortly thereafter.

Tender documents may be obtained on February 19, 1997, from the address above. Tenders must be filed on the forms provided, in sealed, clearly marked envelopes.

Interested parties may contact Marj Bottrell, Operations Supervisor Services, at 638-2360 to obtain information.

The Corporation reserves the right to reject tenders from any bidders who, in the Corporation's reasonable opinion, are deemed incapable of providing the necessary labour, materials, equipment, financial and management resources to perform the work in a satisfactory manner.

The Corporation reserves the right to negotiate any tender and the lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.



**INVITATION TO APPLY
TIMBER SALE LICENCE AS2810 (BID PROPOSAL)**
Take notice that, pursuant to Section 16.1 of the Forest Act, sealed tenders will be accepted by the District Manager, Kalum Forest District, #200-5220 Keith Avenue, Terrace, British Columbia, V8G 1L1, not later than 9:30 a.m. on the 20th day of March 1997 to be opened at 9:30 a.m. on the 20th day of March 1997, for the sale of Timber Sale Licence AS2810, authorizing the harvest of timber located in the vicinity of North Hirsch - Shane Creek.

Standing Volume:	18,828 cubic metres, more or less
Processing Volume:	9,652 cubic metres or 2,046 M3m (equivalent volume)
Term:	Two (2) years
Species:	Hemlock: 62%, Balsam: 38%
Upset Stumpage:	\$23.95/m ³
Logging System:	grapple yarding

This is a bid proposal sale. Only tenders from firms and individuals registered, or eligible to register in the Small Business Forest Enterprise Program, Category 2, will be accepted. Applicants must directly own or lease, or propose to construct and own or lease a timber processing facility capable of remanufacturing lumber or producing specialty wood products.

All applicants must meet specified requirements relating to development objectives of the Crown, as determined by the Minister of Forests. Those objectives are: community stability; support for local employment; value added; support for existing plants and; and are represented by the evaluation criteria noted below:

Criteria	Weighting
Employment	30
Proximity	10
Existing Plant	10
New Capital Investment	10
Labour Value Added	10
Change in Value Added	20
Revenue	10
Total Weighting	100

All applicants must submit a proposal which contains a business case for lumber remanufacturing or specialty wood products manufacturing and addresses the development objectives of the Crown. Proposals which do not meet these requirements will be rejected. The scoring threshold for the labour remuneration category is \$15,000.00 per year and for the revenue category \$10.00 per cubic metre. Proposals for revenue for this sale will be evaluated on the basis of the above criteria and weightings.

All applicants must submit a completed data package in accordance with the outline provided in the tender package. Applications must provide sufficient information for ministry officials to complete a score of each evaluation criteria and an assessment of each breaking factor. Leading applications will be shortlisted by the regional manager.

All applications within five points of the highest scoring applicant are considered tied. A clearly superior proposal will be determined by applying the following tie breaking factors:

- Integration:
- Industrial Rationalization;
- Utilization;
- Plans Dependency; and
- Innovation

The applicant having the highest total score, or if tied, having the clearly superior proposal, will be short-listed and recommended to the Minister. If selected by the Minister, the Ministry will assist the leading applicant to verify the proposal. Applicants do not have to provide supporting information with the proposal but must retain and be prepared to supply such information within 10 days of notification of selection. Failure to pass the audit may result in disqualification from the SBEP.

Upon verifying the proposal, the Ministry will offer the licence subject to terms and conditions deemed necessary by the Minister and Ministry staff.

All applicants are expected to harvest all timber volume in roughly equal annual volumes throughout the term of the licence. Applicants proposing to apply for less than the advertised volume or to vary the expected rate of harvest must receive approval from the District Manager prior to submitting a proposal. All applicants must process the volume of timber applied for or the equivalent volume of timber within the term of this licence.

Full details of the proposed Timber Sale Licence and application forms may be obtained from the District Manager, Kalum Forest District, at #200-5220 Keith Avenue, Terrace, British Columbia V8G 1L1.

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If you're keen to broaden your experience in a fast-evolving environment and earn competitive compensation, please send a resumé to:

Plant Manager
Allied Pacific Processors Ltd
P.O. Box 505, Prince Rupert, BC
V8J 3R5; fax (250) 624-4395

monitoring. The emphasis will be on maintaining a harmonious work environment where production targets, quality standards and safety are given priority.

Previous supervisory experience or training is essential. We will also look for well-developed communication, leadership, organizational and problem-solving abilities.



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Ministry of Environment, Lands, and Parks invites proposals for the purpose of construction of a "Log House" style building to function as a visitor center, a small utility building, and an information kiosk within Nisga'a Memorial Lava Bed Park.

To obtain or view a proposal package and building specifications, please contact:

BC Parks Office
Approx. 18 km South on Highway 37 South
Lakelse Lake, Terrace, B.C.
Phone: 250-798-2277
Attention: John Trewhitt

Bids will be accepted up until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, March 13th, 1997.

The Ministry may reject any or all proposals submitted.

This project is funded by Forest Renewal B.C.



1.0 Request for Proposals

The Kitlope Management Committee invites proposals for the purpose of operating guided recreation oriented tours within the KITLOPE HERITAGE CONSERVANCY PROTECTED AREA subject to the conditions listed in the Proposal Call Packages.

This request for proposal opportunity is not intended for commercial ongoing guiding.

To register your interest and receive a copy of the request for proposals, the Proposal Call Package may be purchased for a twenty-six dollars and seventy five cents (\$26.75) GST included, non-refundable fee, or viewed free of charge at the office listed below. The fee must be in the form of cash, money order, or bank draft and payable to the Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations.

Proposal Call Packages will be available at the office indicated below between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (local time) from February 24, 1997 and March 21, 1997.

The deadline for submitting proposals for registered proponents at the office indicated below is 1:00 p.m. March 21, 1997. There will not be a public opening for proposals.

Lakelse Area Office
Lakelse Provincial Park (across from picnic site)
Mailing Address:
c/o 101-3220 Eby St.
Terrace, B.C.
V8G 5K8

In selecting the successful proponents the scope and creativity of the proposal as well as the Kitlope Management Committee's perception of the proponents ability to manage and deliver Guided Tours will be strongly considered when awarding the permit.

The Kitlope Management Committee may reject any or all proposals submitted.

To obtain more information about these opportunities contact Jamie Hahn, a Supervisor at (250) 798-2277



Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks

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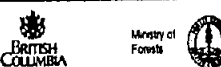
NOTICE INVITING APPLICATION FOR TIMBER SALE LICENCE A00503
Pursuant to Section 16 of the Forest Act, persons wishing to be accepted by the District Manager, Kalam Forest District, Terrace, British Columbia, up to 8:30 a.m., on the 13th day of March 1997, to be accepted for a Timber Sale Licence to authorize the harvesting of 10,195 cubic metres, more or less, of timber located in the vicinity of 12 km - Harper Mainline in the Kalam Timber Supply Area.

TOTAL VOLUME: 10,195 cubic metres, more or less
SPECIES: Hemlock: 72%, Balsam: 6%, Spruce: 12%, Pine: 6%
TERM: One (1) Year
UPSET PRICE: \$28.97/m³

This Timber Sale is to be harvested using a combination of overhead cable system and ground based system. Logging Plans must reflect these systems to be approved.

Bidding is restricted to persons registered in the Small Business Enterprise Program, Category One (1) and/or Two (2). If there is no interest from Category One (1) and/or Two (2), registrants on the auction closing date, then the sale may be advertised for offer under both categories.

Particulars may be obtained from the District Manager, Kalam Forest District, at #200-5220 Keith Avenue, Terrace, British Columbia, V8G 1L1.



SEALED TENDERS
SEALED TENDERS for the construction of 2540 metres of Class 5 forest service road, log dump and log sort yard at Wolda Creek will be received by the District Manager, 125 Market Place, Prince Rupert, British Columbia, V8N 1B9, up to 3:30 p.m. on March 14, 1997 and will be opened in public on that day. Tenders are invited from qualified contractors only. Contractors must be in good standing with the Workers' Compensation Board.

Contract tender packages may be viewed and/or obtained after 10:00 a.m., February 14, 1997, from the District Office in Prince Rupert. All enquiries should be made to Christopher Gordon, Engineering Technician, North Coast Forest District, Prince Rupert, Phone: 250-624-7460, Fax: 250-624-7473.

Tenders are subject to the Conditions of Tender and must be submitted on the form and in the envelope supplied. No tender shall be considered having any qualifying clauses whatsoever and the lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

A mandatory site viewing will be conducted on March 8, 1997. Transportation to the site will be provided for by the Forest Service and will depart the Seal Cove Airbase in Prince Rupert at 1:00 p.m. weather permitting. Should weather conditions be such that a site viewing is not possible that day, the site viewing will occur on March 7, 1997 at 2:00 p.m. with the same arrangements. All those wishing to attend the site viewing must register with the district office no later than 2 days prior to the site viewing. Only those contractors registered as participating in the site viewing will be eligible to submit tenders.

District Manager
North Coast Forest District



LAND ACT

Take notice that **GERALD R. KAMLAH** of Dease Lake, occupation retired, intends to make an application to the BC Lands regional office in Smithers for a Agricultural Parcel of land generally situated Northwest corner of Pinetree lake adjacent to Hwy. 37.

Commencing at post planted 10 km North of the Dease River bridge adjacent to the existing holding on the eastern side of highway 37 thence 200m @ 70°; thence 40 m @ 342°; thence 120 m @ 294°; thence 180 m @ 210° and containing 1.0 ha more or less.

The purpose for which the land is required is extension of holdings/agriculture.

Comments concerning this application may be made to the Regional Manager-Lands Branch, Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks Lands Division, Bag 5000, Smithers, B.C. V0J 2N0 Telephone: 847-7334

File No: Dated: Feb. 14, 1997
Be advised any responses to this advertisement will be considered part of the public record. For information, contact an FOI Advisor, BC Lands, Skeena Region, 847-7334.

Gerald R. Kamlah
(Signature of applicant or agent)

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT,
LAND and PARKS



CALLING FOR TENDERS

Funding for portions of these projects is being provided by Forest Renewal B.C.
Sealed tenders for the following Juvenile Spruce Contract, will be received by the District Manager, Ministry of Forests, Kalam Forest District, 200-5220 Keith Avenue, Terrace, British Columbia on the dates shown below:

Contract #59102/048-043 Located: Brown River area, for Juvenile Spruce on 131.1 hectares.
Anticipated start date: August 1, 1997 Completion date: October 10, 1997

A mandatory on-site viewing for the above contract will be held in mid May. Attending the scheduled viewing prior to submitting a bid is mandatory.

Eligibility to Bid:
1.) Contractor must have successfully completed a contract of like size and kind and be in good standing with the Ministry of Forests.
2.) Upon request - provide names of references.
3.) Contractor must have resources capable of successfully completing the contract within the specified dates.
4.) Contractor must pre-register for the information meeting:
a) to confirm eligibility to bid, and
b) to confirm the viewing dates and time.

To pre-register, contact Mike Werts at 638-5100, Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. prior to April 4, 1997. Contractors who fail to pre-register and confirm eligibility by this date will not be eligible to bid.

Tenders must be submitted on the form and in the envelopes supplied which, with the particulars, may be obtained at the viewing.

Tenders will not be considered having any qualifying clauses whatsoever and the lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted. The work will be administered by the British Columbia Ministry of Forests.

Contract award is subject to funding being available at the time.



CALLING FOR TENDERS

Funding for portions of these projects is being provided by Forest Renewal B.C.
Sealed tenders for the following Silviculture Survey Contracts, located within the Kalam Forest District, will be received by the District Manager, Ministry of Forests, Kalam Forest District, 200-5220 Keith Avenue, Terrace, British Columbia.

Contract #59102/048-047 Located: SB11P South area on approximately 661.9 ha. Survey types include Free Growing & Pre-Strand Thinning. Contract Officer - Sue Anderson
Completion Date: September 1, 1997

Contract #59102/048-048 Located: SB11P South area on approximately 177.8 ha. Survey types include Stocking, Brushing & Plantability. Contract Officer - Sue Anderson
Completion Date: September 1, 1997

Contract #59102/048-046 Located: Brown River/Dyke/Wood area on approximately 1659.9 ha. Survey types include Stocking, Brushing & Plantability. Contract Officer - Mike Werts
Completion Date: September 1, 1997

Contract #59102/048-040 Located: Brown River/Dyke area on approximately 920.2 ha. Survey types include Stocking, Brushing & Plantability. Contract Officer - Mike Werts
Completion Date: September 1, 1997

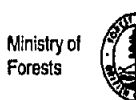
Eligibility to Bid:
1.) Contractor must have successfully completed a contract of like size and kind and be in good standing with the Ministry of Forests.
2.) Upon request - provide names of references.
3.) Contractor must have resources capable of successfully completing contracts within the specified dates.
4.) Contractor must pre-register for the information meeting:
a) to confirm eligibility to bid, and
b) to confirm the viewing dates and time.

To confirm eligibility to bid, the above Contract Officers at 638-5100, Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. prior to March 7, 1997. Contractors who fail to pre-register and confirm eligibility by this date will not be eligible to bid.

Tenders must be submitted on the form and in the envelopes supplied which, with the particulars, will be sent to eligible bidders.

Tenders will not be considered having any qualifying clauses whatsoever and the lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted. The work will be administered by the British Columbia Ministry of Forests.

Contract award is subject to funding being available at the time.



CALLING FOR TENDERS

Funding for portions of these projects is being provided by Forest Renewal B.C.
Sealed tenders for the following Brushing & Weeding Contracts, located within the Kalam Forest District, will be received by the District Manager, Ministry of Forests, Kalam Forest District, 200-5220 Keith Avenue, Terrace, British Columbia.

Contract #59102/048-036 Located: Brown River area on approximately 230.3 ha.
Anticipated start date: June 15, 1997 Completion date: August 15, 1997

Contract #59102/048-037 Located: 21 km on the Brown River Forest Service Road on approximately 235.2 ha.
Anticipated start date: June 15, 1997 Completion date: July 31, 1997

Contract #59102/048-038 Located: Highway 37 and Van Dyke area on approximately 141.8 ha.
Anticipated start date: June 15, 1997 Completion date: August 15, 1997

Contract #59102/048-0033 Located: Highway 37 and Deane Lake area on approximately 177.3 ha.
Anticipated start date: July 1, 1997 Completion date: August 15, 1997

A mandatory on-site viewing for the above contracts will be held in early May. Attending the scheduled viewing prior to submitting a bid is mandatory.

Eligibility to Bid:
1.) Contractor must have successfully completed a contract of like size and kind and be in good standing with the Ministry of Forests.
2.) Upon request - provide names of references.
3.) Contractor must have resources capable of successfully completing contracts within the specified dates.
4.) Contractor must pre-register for the information meeting:
a) to confirm eligibility to bid, and
b) to confirm the viewing dates and time.

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AND: INSURANCE CORPORATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA THIRD PARTY

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

TO: JOSEPH WILLIAM STAINGER
Terrace, B.C.

TAKE NOTICE THAT on February 3, 1997 an Order was made for substituted service upon you of a Writ of Summons and Statement of Claim issued from the Prince George Registry, Supreme Court of British Columbia in action number 33528/96 by way of this advertisement.

In this proceeding, the Plaintiff George Malcolm Smith is claiming for general damages, special damages, costs, and interest pursuant to the Court Order Interest Act, as a result of personal injuries which he sustained in a motor vehicle accident which occurred on or about December 21, 1995 on Highway #97 at .5 kilometre South of Morgan Road, at or near the City of Quesnel, in the Province of British Columbia. At the time of the said accident, the Plaintiff was a passenger in a motor vehicle owned by the Defendant, Larry Craig McTaggart and being driven by the Defendant, Joseph William Stainger at which time said vehicle struck another motor vehicle owned by the Defendant, Pine Lake Construction Ltd. and being driven by the Defendant, David Willard Peterson.

You have 14 days to enter an Appearance, failing which proceedings in default may be taken against you.

You may obtain a copy of the Writ of Summons, Statement of Claim, and Order for substituted service from the Prince George Registry, at 1600-3rd Avenue, Prince George, British Columbia.

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Terrace Men's Indoor Soccer

February 16			
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Terrace Men's Recreational Hockey

February 13			
White Spot	3	Back Eddie	2
Precision Builders	7	All Seasons	2
February 15			
Back Eddie	7	White Spot	3
Chapter One	5	Skeen Cable	0
February 16			
All Seasons	4	Skeena Cable	2
Back Eddie	7	Precision Builders	4
February 18			
Back Eddie	9	Skeen Cable	6
White Spot	3	Chapter One	2

Terrace Men's Oldtimers Hockey

February 12			
Terrace Minor Hockey	14	Subway	1
(Exhibition)			
Subway	2	Timbermen	2
SRD Blues	10	Northern Okies	2

Terrace Timbermen Oldtimers Hockey Tournament Final Standings

B1: Steelhead Division Win-Loss-Points		
1st	Smithers Drillers	3-0-6
2nd	Northern Inn Okies	1-2-2
3rd	Rupert Wrinkles	1-2-2
4th	SRD Blues	1-2-2
B2: Coho Division		
1st	Rupert Puckaneers	2-1-4
2nd	Terrace Timbermen	2-1-4
3rd	Smithers Hudson	1-2-2
4th	Hazelton Oldtimers	1-2-2
C1: Sockeye Division		
1st	Terrace Subway	3-0-6
2nd	Kemano A's	2-1-4
3rd	Kitimat Northstars	1-2-2
4th	Stewart Oldtimers	0-3-0

League Standings

Men's Old-Timers Hockey					
TEAM	GP	W	L	T	PTS
SRD Blues	31	17	12	2	36
Northern Okies	30	16	13	1	33
Timbermen	23	12	9	2	26
Subway	30	9	20	1	19

Men's Rec League					
TEAM	GP	W	L	T	PTS
Precision Blues	32	21	8	3	45
Back Eddie	33	19	11	3	41
Chapter One	32	18	10	4	40
All Seasons	34	13	18	3	29
Skeena Cable	33	11	19	3	25
White Spot	33	7	24	2	16

Terrace Men's Indoor Soccer					
TEAM	GP	W	L	T	PTS
Overwaita	14	11	2	1	34
Forestry	14	9	3	2	29
Internationals	13	6	6	1	19
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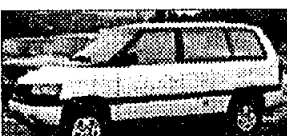


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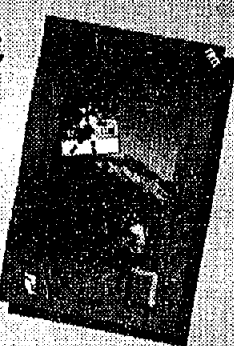
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Java shops make us a city

By JEFF NAGEL

AS A confessed caffeine addict, my measure of how Terrace has improved in basic livability rests with its number of coffee shops.

Just a couple of years ago the only place you could go in town to get a mug of fancy, urban, designer java was the farmers' market.

A local woman who recognized the sales potential for fancy coffees before anyone else, camped out there on Saturdays, fired up a Coleman campstove and poured hot cappuccinos.

The lack of anything even resembling a Starbucks underscored our reputation as a rural backwater.

Today, there are three specialized coffee shops, plus numerous restaurants serving the fancy stuff. Not to mention the city's four doughnut shops.

Everyone, I'm sure, would offer their own take on what's made Terrace better.

But the bottom line is that something happened along the way and we shifted from being a muddy town cut out of the bush to a place people want to be.

A decade ago it was a major struggle to attract doctors to town. Now you can't beat them off with a stick.

We're not Kitsilano or downtown Vancouver in the cultural sense, but more and more people from there are willing to trade traffic jams and smog for clean air, salmon streams and a five-minute commute.

Here are some other changes in the last several years that have made it a more livable city:

■ The highway to Prince

Rupert, and for that matter up to Stewart and beyond, has been steadily improved over the years. Two decades ago, when the rutted black-top ran terrifyingly close to the railway tracks, an evening jaunt to the coast for dinner and a movie wasn't usually an impulse decision.

■ Improvements to landing limits at the airport have also improved the rate at which planes here land. This also helps ease the trapped feeling that arises if there's no way to escape.

And sure, you may find yourself on the midnight bus home from Rupert, but weather's weather and there's nothing anybody can do about that.

■ Produce trucks arrive at the grocery stores every day. Not that long ago it was only once a week and you had to be there on time to get the best fruits and vegetables.

■ The Internet is available in town — from no less than three different local providers. That not only allows people in certain knowledge-based industries to locate here out of choice, but helps the rest of us feel more connected to the rest of the world.

The net is also opening up more avenues for distance education, expanding the educational opportunities for locals.

■ Recreation options have improved. Although a second sheet of ice is still elusive, Terrace has seen a swimming pool expansion, youth soccer field expansion, more tennis courts and improved access to local hiking trails.

■ In other city services,



COFFEE DRINKER Jeff Nagel says the multiple places in which to enjoy a cup of the hot stuff are a measure of Terrace's growth as a liveable city.

the expansion to the library makes it one of the best for communities this size.

This was accomplished through more than just a little bit of political arm twisting and through substantial community contributions.

Every Indo-Canadian family in the city, for instance, chipped in through one donation.

■ Tireless efforts of health care volunteers helped bring a CT scanner to town, and numerous other hospital improvements. Those changes are part of

the reason Terrace has managed to attract a full complement of medical specialists.

■ It's still a challenge to find a place to rent, but the situation has improved remarkably since the turn of the decade as more duplexes, fourplexes and other kinds of 'plexes dot the landscape.

■ The explosion in single family housing has given home buyers more choices than ever before.

■ Skeena Kalum Housing Society's family housing project provides for affordable housing for those on low income.

■ The Muks-Kum-Oi Housing Society has quietly become a major player in providing housing for natives and, in the process, has become the envy of cities across Canada for what it has done.

■ If you took every home-based business and put them in the arena, the place would be stuffed to the rafters. They all add to an incredibly diverse and growing retail mix.

■ Who says there's nothing to do at night? The Terrace Concert Society and now the Terrace Little Theatre consistently bring in quality performers. Consider the crowd that turned out at the R.E.M. Lee Theatre recently when the theatre brought in Farmer's Daughter.

■ The green space along Howe Creek and other initiatives being patiently worked on by the city's parks and recreation department and the Terrace Beautification Society boost the quality of life for us all.

Building boom just rolls along

THE DRAMATIC surge of growth that began five years ago in Terrace shows no signs of stopping.

A Real Canadian Wholesale Club outlet planned by Westfair Properties Ltd. is expected to begin breaking ground soon. The company is now of selecting a general contractor for its 36,000 square foot food centre.

And a proposed Canadian Tire development for a site on Hwy 16 at Brooks St. has overcome most of its hurdles with the city and highways ministry and is expected to advance to the public hearing stage in March.

The project would see construction of a 46,000 square foot retail store and auto service centre plus a 10,500 square foot garden centre.

The two combined would be the largest new commercial developments in recent years.

Last year saw the skyline pierced by the construction of the five-storey Park Ave. Medical Centre, plus development of myriad smaller projects.

They included a new Northern Savings Credit Union, a new Tim Horton's, a major expansion of Totem Ford, a 12,000 square foot community hall at Kitsumkalum reserve, an expansion of the Lazelle Ave. Mini Mall, and the new Costa Lessa Motel in Thornhill.

Other anticipated projects this year include construction of a 7-Eleven on Lakelse Ave., a new River Industries building on Hwy 16, plus a rebuilt Copperside III at the highway and Kenney St.

And it's not over yet, according to city planner David Trawin. "This will probably be a record year for commercial," Trawin says. "We're still on an accelerating pace."

He's expecting some slowdown of big commercial projects next year, but a continuation of smaller local developments. The following year might see more of a slowdown as the city's commercial sector plateaus at the size needed to serve the regional population.

The next stage of commercial growth wouldn't kick in until the city nears 30,000-plus population.

Trawin said the residential market continues to boom right now because of the new people moving to town.

He expects it to ease off as commercial does. And a major shutdown of the forest industry here would make the development shutdown more abrupt.

But he's so far predicting continued strong residential growth this year, with another couple of years of near-record multi-family residential construction.

Over the last five years, the city has seen 70 to 80 new homes built every year.

Construction in Terrace cracked the \$25 million mark for the first time last year.

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Terrace poised to continue its role as regional centre

By KEN VELDMAN

OVER THE past decade, Terrace has exhibited one of the strongest local economies in British Columbia.

A business centre for a third of the province, the community has developed a strong retail and service sector on the back of a stable set of northwest manufacturing industries.

This will continue over the next decade, notwithstanding a few crucial unknowns that will factor into the mix. Before we gaze into the future, we must understand the past.

Ten years ago, Terrace was struggling out of a devastating recession that hammered many of the province's resource communities. Since then, greater Terrace has grown from 17,390 people to approximately 21,500, an increase of 24 per cent. The previous decade saw an increase of 5 per cent.

Three factors contributed. First, highways were significantly improved, especially to the north and west. Year-round access to and from Terrace from throughout the region is much more dependable.

Second, primary industries in the northwest remained very stable. Expenditures of the associated businesses and the expenditures of their employees were also very stable.

Third, a regionalization trend persuaded many businesses and government agencies to consolidate their northwest operations in Terrace. This was made possible through improved telecommunications technology and highways, allowing businesses to operate much more cost efficiently by serving the entire region from one central location.

Accordingly, Terrace's economic growth concentrated in retail, business services, industrial supply and transportation/distribution industries. Along with this came an increased awareness that Terrace's trading area includes the industries and communities of the entire northwest. In other words, what's good for the region is good for Terrace.

Moreover, this has allowed the local economy diversify by lessening its sole dependence on forestry, and adding aluminum, pulp, paper, methanol and mineral production to its base.

Investment intentions indicate these trends will continue. We'll likely see the construction of several "big box" retailers in Terrace with business plans aimed at the regional market.

Given the dependency of the retail sector on the bigger economic picture, this suggests the marketplace has confidence in the economic future for Terrace and the northwest.

The introduction of these retail heavy hitters will solidify Terrace's role as a regional centre,



Ken Veldman

but it will also change the local retail landscape.

The presence of big name stores tends to increase the number of shoppers coming in from the rest of the region, increasing the potential market for all retailers.

Existing local retailers may be forced to adapt their product mix and marketing plans in order to deal with the competition. Those who are successful will be those who are able to take full advantage of the increased regional market.

On a cautionary note, the region's base industries will not achieve the same stability as they enjoyed over the previous decade. The forest industry appears to be entering a period of substantial uncertainty that makes it difficult to forecast the next couple months, much less the next decade. A series of regulatory and market changes have made northwest operations extremely marginal at the present.

Given the importance of the forest industry to the northwest's economy, Terrace's future is linked closely to finding short-term, and, more importantly, long-term solutions.

But the number of industries is poised to grow. The proposed Pac-Rim LNG plant proposed for Kitimat (and its 200 full-time jobs) will be an impressive addition to the region's stable of basic industries. The demand for natural gas products in Pacific Rim markets bodes well for the heavy industry/commodity export orientation of Kitimat and Prince Rupert, and may lead to additional facilities in the region.

Tourism has been historically underrated in the resource-oriented north. Yet the potential for soft adventure and ecotourism is great, and is slowly beginning to develop. Historically, the industry has depended on small businesses and local talent to exploit this potential.

The encouragement of tourism and entrepreneurship as a career in our education system will

be a vital factor in the industry's development.

The development of a major attraction such as Seven Sisters Venture's proposed wilderness resort will greatly accelerate this process.

Mining has the potential to become a major industry for Terrace through its role as a service and supply centre and as a gateway to the region. Promising ore bodies to the north could become major economic generators given the right mix of regulation and infrastructure from the provincial government. However, given current attitudes toward mining, the necessary incentives seem unlikely to appear.

The current growth of telecommunications technology and infrastructure will allow knowledge-based local companies to become more competitive in global markets. Information and ideas are now transported instantaneously, making the choice of business location somewhat irrelevant.

The growth of these kinds of companies will be a major good news story for Terrace over the next decade. The importance of lifestyle in this decision will demand that Terrace view its recreational, health and education services as strategic assets in order to remain competitive.

Moving the airport from federal to local control should be relatively seamless and there is the possibility of more aggressive route development.

Of more importance is developing the airport's reserve lands to light industrial uses such as warehousing, service shops and other distribution-related industries. Subsequently, many light industrial properties near the downtown will be developed as commercial properties.

Provincial and federal financial woes will likely mean less services located in Terrace in the future. The regionalization trend that favoured Terrace over the last decade may mean the provision of services out of Prince George or Vancouver.

These financial woes will likely mean a substantial lower level of infrastructure building, i.e. highways and ferries, as well.

Can Terrace sustain its current pace of economic growth? If so, the population of greater Terrace will nudge 27,000 people, an increase of 6,000 over the number here now.

However, Terrace, the northwest, and B.C. must make a concentrated effort to provide a business environment that allows those fundamentals to operate and keeps us competitive. If we do, we can expect more of the steady growth that made the last decade one of the good ones.

Ken Veldman is the economic development officer for the City of Terrace.

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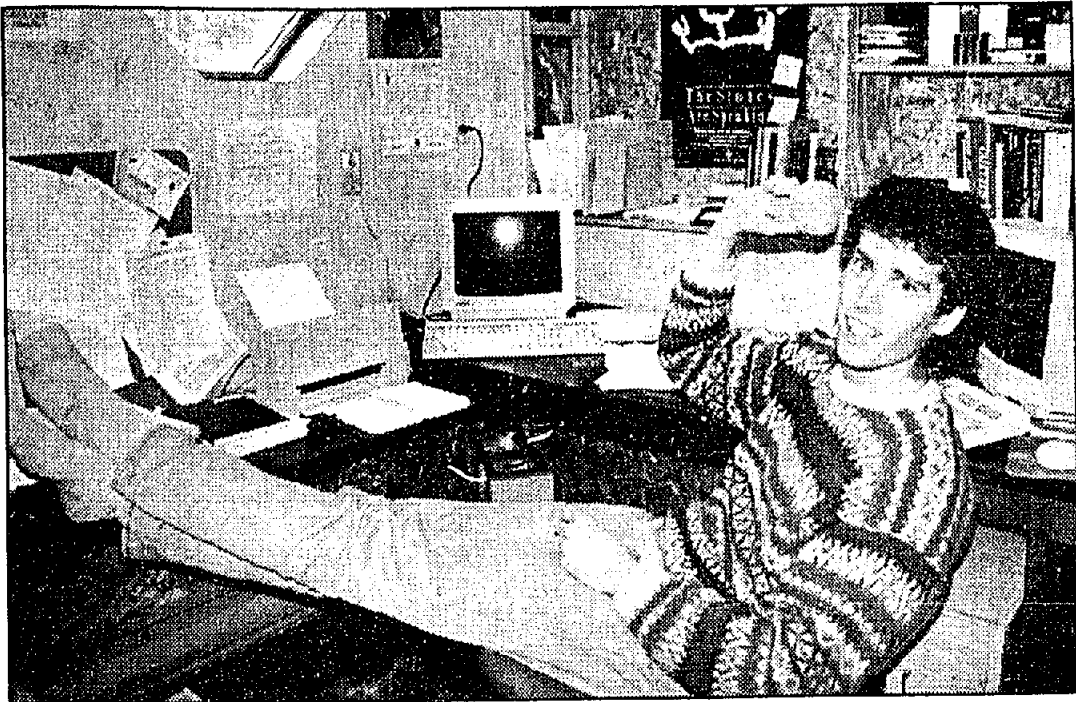
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FROM HIS basement office up here, Dave Cake is able to communicate with his employer in Victoria. He's one of a new breed of northwest employee and the numbers are growing.

Space age commuter

LIVING IN A small community like Terrace, while holding down a job in a larger city sounds impossible but that's what a growing number of people are doing in the northwest.

Dave Cake is one of this new breed of office worker. "The commute's pretty good," he says from his small office in the basement of his Jackpine home. "The dress code, too," says the casually dressed Cake as he rests his feet on his desk.

Cake moved to Terrace last August when his wife, Karen MacDowell accepted a job here with B.C. Parks. Cake had been working for a Victoria firm called Axy's Environmental Consulting for about a year at that point.

Axy's does work with geographic information systems (GIS). Cake's job included digital mapping, developing data bases and writing personalized software programs for companies.

When Cake told his boss he was moving to Terrace, they told him they wanted to keep him on. "They're pretty open to new stuff," he says of the firm.

Axy's even supplied him with a computer and modem. But Cake had to pay the \$30 a month bill for a private phone line in Jackpine — party lines are standard there.

"They e-mail me the specs and I e-mail the results back."

A lot of the firm's work is outside of Victoria, meaning Cake wouldn't have had face-to-face dealings with clients even if he remained on the southern end of Vancouver Island.

There are some disadvantages to working out of the home. "The isolation gets to me, particularly

living out in Jackpine. And there's no social contact as in an office setting," says Cake.

Cake also found he had to create a separate work area, away from the kitchen or the TV. That meant setting up in the basement which is unfinished and a bit drafty at times.

"At least I'm not working with a touque on anymore," he says, referring to the cold spell in January. But the wood stove helps keep him warm.

The lunch hour walk with the dogs — two energetic golden retrievers — to get the mail keeps him from feeling trapped in the basement.

Cake also tries to keep office hours, making sure that he doesn't work too many late nights. On the other hand, he's also got the flexibility to work a rainy weekend, then go out and play during a sunny weekday.

And he loves being able to get up an hour after his wife, and still get to work before she does.

Cake isn't sure how long he'll keep on being an electronic commuter. He's already working more than full time now, because he's started a part time job teaching a GIS course at Northwest Community College.

Axy's let him reduce his hours in order to teach the course, because it allows him to develop contacts in the local GIS community.

"I couldn't have asked for a more patient or obliging company." But he adds that electronic commuting is new to Axy's as well, and there's no set rules on how it all should work.

"As long as they're getting the results they want, they don't care if I'm watching Oprah," he jokes. He can't though, because he doesn't have cable, something he acknowledges may be a good thing.

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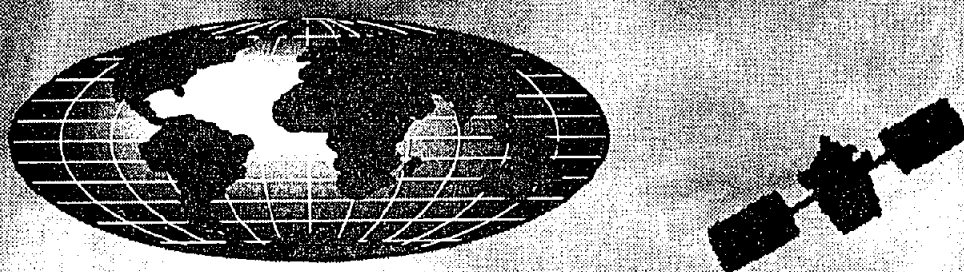
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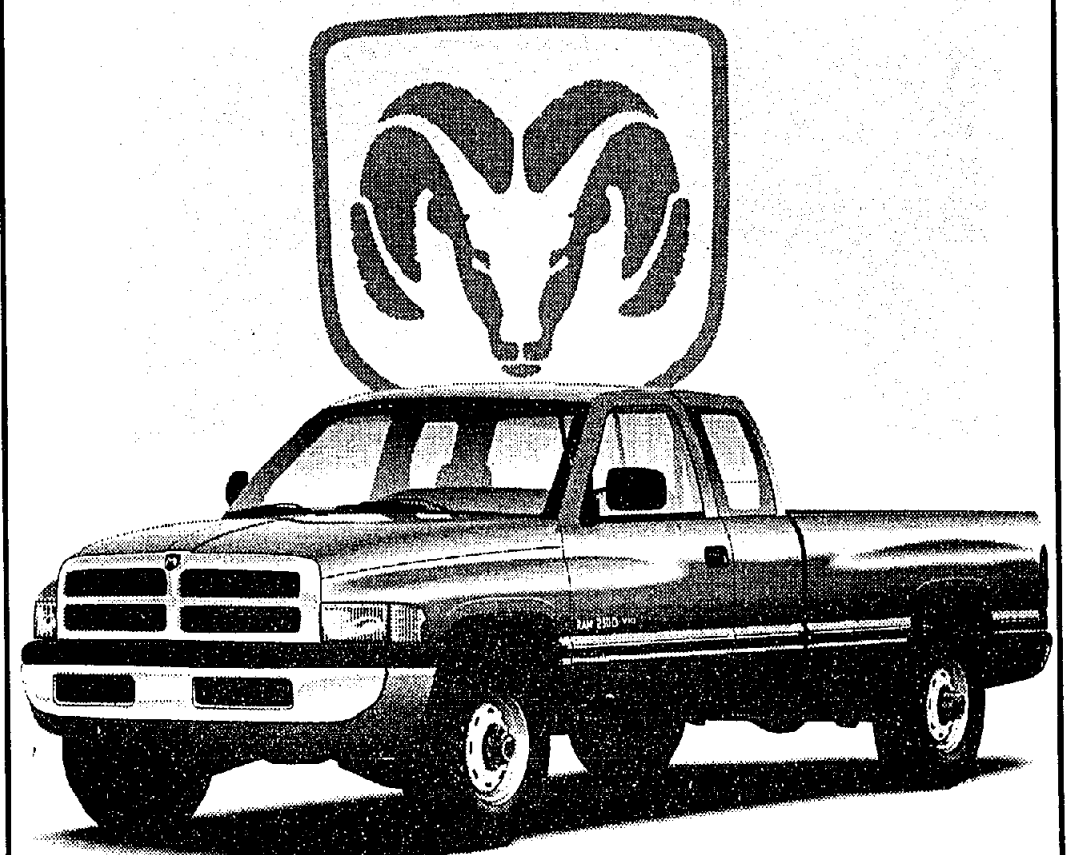
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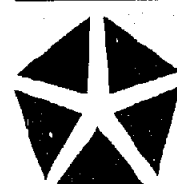
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JOHN CLIFT stands in front of an old safe that's served Ev's Menswear through different owners over the decades since the establishment first opened in Terrace.

Getting better with age

WITH SO many new businesses springing up in Terrace every year, it's easy to forget about the ones that have quietly grown up with the city.

One place to have withstood the test of time is the Terrace Co-op shopping centre on Keith Street which recently celebrated 50 years as an organization in Terrace. And within the complex is Cooperative Insurance Services — now known as Keenleyside Insurance.

Bill Keenleyside took over the Cooperative Insurance office in 1970 from Ted Johnstone. By that time, the Cooperators had already been selling insurance in Terrace for more than 20 years.

Soon after he moved in, Keenleyside became an independent agent — although he still represented the Cooperators. The office moved around the Co-op centre several times, but never left the building.

In 1995, Jayne and Barry McKenzie took over the agency. That's when the Cooperators had a contest to find the office with the longest running policy in B.C. The McKenzies were surprised when their Terrace office won.

"We were surprised. But our clients tend to be extremely loyal," says Jayne McKenzie. "We have quite a few old policies from back then." The oldest dated back to 1956 — that's a 41-year-old continuous insurance policy.

Another business with staying power has been Ev's Men's Wear. The shop has been operated by the same family, in the same location for decades.

Ev's began as Gerald Duffus Ltd. in 1949, but

that was destined to change when Ev Clift came up from Vancouver in 1952 to manage the Lakelse Avenue store. Back then, a young John Clift worked with his father at the shop, both after school and in the summer months. He remembers a very different Terrace, with gravel streets and wooden boardwalks.

"I remember standing on the roof of our building in 1958 and watching the Queen drive past," Clift says. "They paved the streets because she was coming to visit."

Ev Clift managed the store until 1959 when he decided to buy the company. It gradually changed over the years, moving away from work wear and more into casual wear. When Ev retired in 1967, his son took over and still runs the shop today.

The history of Erwin's Jewellers dates back to the founding of Kitimat. That's when Cleave Paul Erwin, a jeweler by profession, came north in the early 1950s to work in the Alcan commissary. He followed that with a general store and coffee shop in Kitimat.

In 1956 Cleave opened Erwin's Jewellers at the City Centre Shopping Mall in Kitimat in 1956, the first store to set up shop there. It's still there today. Erwin was named Kitimat Citizen of the Year in 1975 and died at the age of 87.

It was a natural expansion to Terrace in 1968 for the business. The founding manager was Lorie Parr, a grandson to Erwin. He remains as manager today.

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Turning wood into toys is the business of Peter Vogelaar. His company, Timber Toys, is an example of value-added production through the design and manufacturing of items for children. Peter started operations in the fall of 1994 and has become a fixture at various local craft events.

His creations include personalized kids' benches with names in form of multi-colored pop out block letters in the back of the bench. The benches are custom ordered and take about a week to complete. He also makes rocking horses, rocking dinosaurs, birdhouses, bird feeders and a stacking wagon made of wooden pieces that come apart

like building blocks.

Everything is made of pine and he does his best to use only local wood. Sometimes, however, the dimensions he needs aren't available.

Peter feels that good quality work and reasonable price is the key to a successful business. He also emphasizes that you have to stand behind your product.

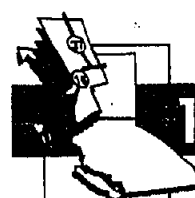
Peter says that the farmers market gives him good exposure for his woodwork and he enjoys talking with customers.

Pete was a winner in the 1996 "Beyond Boards" Provincial competition for Value-Added wood products. He also won first place regional for toys and third place provincial for toys.

Pete also teaches a children's carpentry class it is sponsored by the city's recreational department. The kids make many wonderful projects, for Mother's Day the class made a painted wooden flowers and past classes have included boats, bunny rabbit, clothes rack, a toothbrush holder and a cow planter. Of course the projects may have a spotty paint job, but the kids don't care says Peter.

"A lot of these kids have never even touched a hammer before, he says. They're just happy to be able to create something."

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Boom in medical specialists is good news for the north

TERRACE MAY be small as cities go but it looms large when it comes to the availability of specialized medical services.

There are now more specialists located in the city than there are general practitioners.

That's due in part to the city acting as the regional centre for the northwest but it's also the result of an aggressive recruiting campaign by the local medical services community.

Michael Leisinger, the chief executive officer of the Terrace Regional Health Care Society, runs through a list of specialist additions since the turn of the decade.

"We didn't have an ear, nose and throat specialist and now we do. We didn't have two anesthesiologists with standing in the royal college and now we do."

"We had one radiologist and now we have two. We had one internist and now we have two. We had one pediatrician and now we have two. We had one obstetrician and now we have two. We had one psychiatrist and now we have three. We have a neurologist now and we have a dermatologist." Rounding off Leisinger's list is a podiatrist.

It all adds up to Terrace having the largest amount of specialists in any city in the north with the exception of Prince George.

"You'd have to head south to Kamloops be-

fore you'd encounter the selection we have here," said Leisinger.

Assembling specialists is a delicate and complicated task as some can't exist without having others.

And the challenge in the budget-strapped 1990s for the local medical community is to retain what's here now without having anybody leave and alter the collection of specialist services here now.

Specialists, as with a growing number of other professionals, are leaving the city for the advantages of life in smaller centres.

Dr. Geoff Appleton, the northern representative to the B.C. Medical Association board, says there's a very good reason why so many specialties here are paired up.

"Being the only specialist is extremely stressful from a lifestyle point of view. You won't find many people anymore willing to be on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week," he said.

Having two of each kind also makes sense when it comes to specialists acting as a regional

service as the population of Terrace and surrounding area couldn't support both otherwise.

Specialists also like to work with those in other fields so as not to have to stray outside their own expertise and training. And general practitioners prefer to work in places where there is a wide variety of specialists.

"You get to what we like to call a critical mass," said Appleton of the specialist mix here now. All told there are 22 full time specialists in Terrace, plus a person who works half time. That's compared to having 15 general practitioners here.

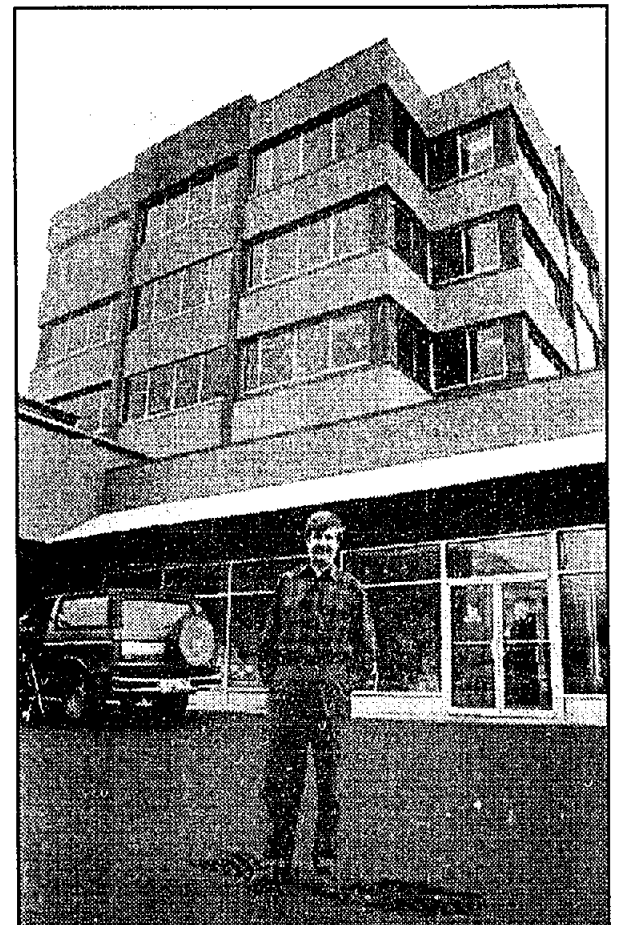
Of particular interest is having a neurologist and a pediatric psychiatrist. "You won't find these types of people anywhere else in a city this size," notes Appleton.

Specialists, as with a growing number of other professionals, are leaving the city for the advantages of life in smaller centres.

"They're finding they can live outside of the city and still have fairly sophisticated medical back up," said Appleton.

The benefits to Terrace residents — and to northwesterners in general — of having a good collection of specialists here are many, he said.

Not only is specialized treatment much closer at hand but residents are spared the expense of the plane fare south.



THE STRENGTH of Terrace's medical community is evident in the new medical centre. And that's Dr. Geoff Appleton standing in front of the Park Ave. complex. He says the growth of specialty services here is due to a number of key factors.

There's been growth in health care

THE SHAPE and scope of health care services in Terrace has changed and expanded since the late 1980s.

"You plod ahead each day and think you're not getting anywhere and then you look at what's here now and you say, 'Wow. A lot has happened,'" says Michael Leisinger, chief executive officer of the Terrace Regional Health Care Society which runs Mills Memorial Hospital and Terraceview Lodge.

Among the list of accomplishments is the introduction of the diagnostic nuclear medicine unit at Mills.

And a massive community effort to raise money and to lobby the provincial government resulted in the installation of the CT scan device at Mills.

It's helped cement Mills as a modern facility and has added to Terrace's reputation as the service centre for the northwest.

The early 1990s also featured an expansion of the extended care facility Terraceview Lodge.

That expansion added 20 beds to the 56 there before.

Further innovations to health care came when

a former nurses' residence on the grounds of Mills was renovated to become Sleeping Beauty Lodge.

It's designed as a place to stay for people who don't need to be hospitalized but who should be close to the services the hospital can provide.

It's particularly useful for people from out of town.

Money for this came from the province and it operates under the wing of the local Elks and Order of the Royal Purple.

The lodge is working well in terms of helping ease the hospital's tight budget situation and the need to cut down on patient stays.

"If it wasn't there, our utilization rate would be much different than it is," said Leisinger.

And there's been progress in the attempt to provide services within the tight medical budgets.

Mills, for instance, has cut by half the number of patient days from five years ago.

"We're continuing to provide the same services we did before," noted Leisinger. "Day surgery is one of those areas we have ex-

panded."

Another new service to the hospital is teleradiology, a system which sends and receives x-ray and other images along phone lines to northwestern hospitals.

The idea is that physicians in smaller communities such as Stewart have more immediate access to services for their patients by connecting to radiologists in larger places.

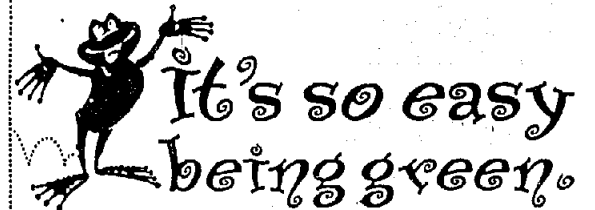
And coming soon is the gathering of in-patient and out-patient psychiatric care services on the grounds of Mills.

Money for this comes from the province's plan to close down larger facilities on the lower mainland in favour of placing services closer to where people live.

At Mills, that means improvements to the existing psychiatric ward and construction of new bed space.

This also involves moving people now at the aging Osborne Home residence to the new facilities.

"There's as much political will and money committed to this project as I've ever seen before," notes Leisinger of this project.



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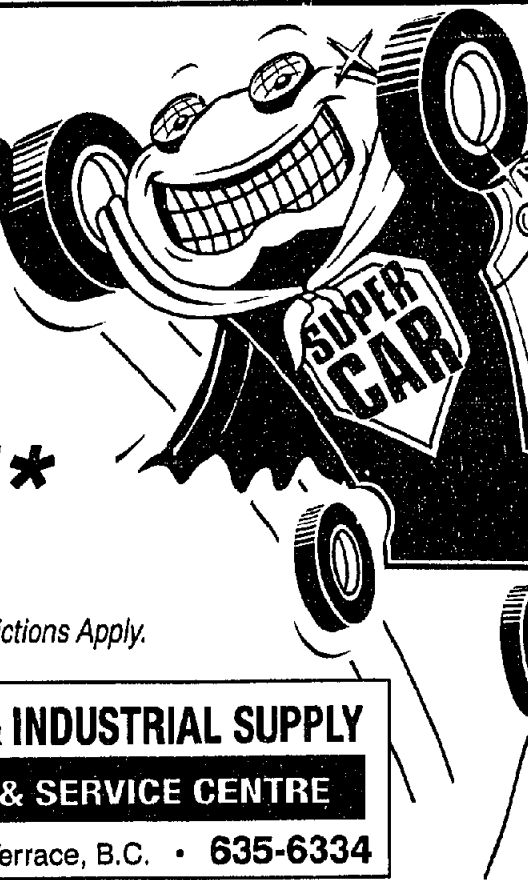
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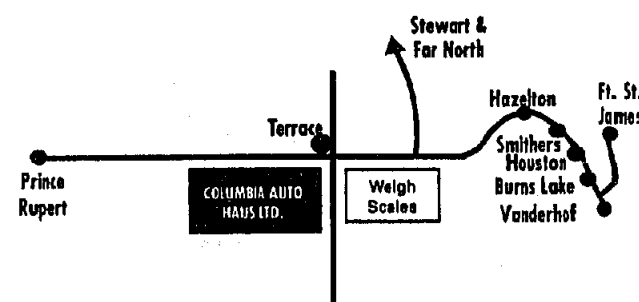
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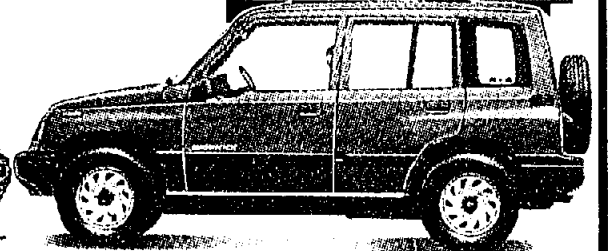
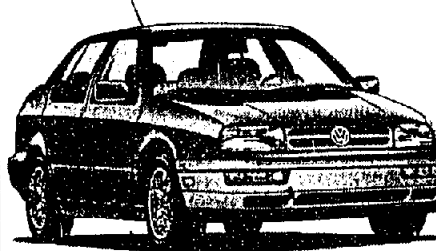
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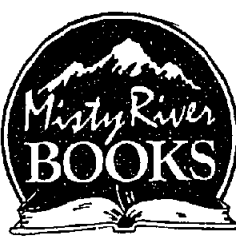
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THE FIVE people at the Community Futures Development Corporation of 16-37 are, back row from left to right, business analyst Dave Andrews, business analyst Ben Foote and general manager Joe Whitney. In the front are, on the left community development officer Mary Anne Skill and administrative assistant Jocelyn Galloway.

Local control does work

JOE WHITNEY turns away, punches some numbers on his desktop calculator and resumes the conversation.

"That's \$26 million in direct loans and what we've been able to leverage," says the general manager of Community Futures Development Corporation of 16-37.

Divide that by the nearly nine years the corporation has been in business, and it works out to a pretty impressive annual influx of investment money to the northwest.

And that's Whitney's point — the corporation is a locally-controlled agency providing help and money to either maintain or create businesses and jobs.

"We're director-driven," adds Whitney of the corporation's 13-member board which has representatives from Kamano up Hwy37 North and from Kincolith to Moricetown.

Over the nearly nine years the corporation has helped maintain, create or expand 640 businesses and 1885 full and part time jobs.

The corporation got its start by focussing on smaller businesses but can now take on larger clients and has added community economic development to its mandate.

While it has the authority to lend up to \$75,000 of its own money, the corporation also helps businesses find other sources of public, bank or private financing. It has so far lent \$3.8 million of its own money and has leveraged an additional \$22.2 million across the northwest.

"We see ourselves as counsellors who lend; not

lenders who counsel," said Whitney. That's a short way of saying the corporation works its clients through first a business plan to determine of their idea is economically and financially sound.

"We act like a broker to put it all together," says Whitney. "And if that means obtaining funding from the devil, we might take him on."

The corporation got its start through a \$175,000 capital loan grant from the federal government. It can now draw up to \$1.55 million but has so far taken only \$1.375 million.

Interest on loan repayments over the years have added to the corporation's available investment pool. At the moment it has a little over \$2.5 million out to businesses.

Whitney's happy that the corporation has only written off \$61,000 in loan losses over the years.

He credits some of that to the business planning and investigation that goes on prior to loans being authorized. "A small business failure can hurt other small businesses and we want to avoid that," he says.

There are 32 community future development corporations in B.C. and 72 across the four western provinces. They were started in areas of high to moderate unemployment.

The corporation still receives an annual \$360,000 operating grant from its federal sponsor, the Western Economic Diversification agency.

Whitney forecasts an increasing role for the development corporations in areas such as training as the federal government turns more control and authority over to local organizations.

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Foundation conquers all

A RESTAURANT may seem an unlikely location for the birth of an idea which has so far generated \$1 million in medical equipment.

But that's what happened when a group of people began talking after dinner at the Bavarian Inn in 1988.

If they couldn't convince the government to buy what was needed at Mills Memorial Hospital, they'd raise the money themselves.

And so was born the Dr. R.E.M. Lee Hospital Foundation, the vehicle into which countless volunteers and groups have poured money to boost the facilities at Mills Memorial Hospital.

Named after a well known physician and surgeon to the area, the foundation attracted some of the area's leading citizens.

Their first project was massive — raising more than \$600,000 to purchase a CT scan unit for Mills, giving northwesterners the same kind of diagnostic medical services common to those who live in the south.

They were spurred on by successive provincial health ministers who said the population didn't warrant having a CT unit based in the northwest.

"They said we wouldn't live long enough to get one," remembers founding foundation member Alex Houlden of one conversation.

Eventually, the foundation's goal took the form of a challenge — if it could raise the money, the provincial government agreed to provide the annual operating grant.

"When you just think of the plane fare south for one person, having this kind of service here saves money," says Bill McRae who, with wife Helen, became an integral part of the drive.

They began to hear from community groups they didn't know existed as the money-raising effort took hold.

"There were dances, collections and money still comes

in," says Helene.

Bill adds that the production of community calendars, in conjunction with the Elks and Order of the Royal Purple, for four years provided vital income.

The City of Terrace made a contribution as did Alcan who, says Bill McRae, realized the value of the service to their employees.

Word of the CT drive spread throughout the northwest and the result was contributions from people and groups who realized the value of a regionally-based CT service.

"BC Tel employees from the Charlottes to Houston responded greatly to the project," says Bill McRae. "All the service clubs were pretty good to us."

The foundation also used old-fashioned business sense in pursuing the best deal.

At a key meeting with GE, the company which eventually won the bid, Bill McRae and others wanted to know what kind of deal they could get if they provided the majority of the money up front.

"I'd say it knocked \$80,000 by providing that up front money. We weren't getting much interest from the bank anyway," he said.

Aside from the CT drive, the foundation has either raised or has had funneled through it other monies for other equipment at the hospital.

It's a lengthy list that takes in the top priorities identified by local physicians.

Just as pleasing to the foundation are contributions it has arranged from outside charities for equipment.

One of those organizations, the TB Vets, has so far made three separate donations for ventilators, says Helen McRae.

Next on the foundation's "to do" list is the construction of senior citizen housing on land adjacent to Terraceview Lodge.



COMMON CAUSE of providing for equipment at Mills Memorial Hospital brought a group of local people together to form the Dr. R.E.M. Lee Hospital Foundation. Helene McRae, Bill McRae and Alex Houlden are part of the original core group.

King legacy touches everyone

ONE WAY to measure the good things about a community is the creation of groups aimed at bettering everyday life.

Terrace has such an example — the Rick and Paul King Foundation. It's named after Rick King and his son, Paul, killed in a tragic traffic accident in November 1993 on Hwy16 while returning from a hockey game in Prince Rupert. Rick King was an alderman who chaired the city's recreation and parks committee. He was also heavily involved in minor hockey.

And so it was almost natural that a like-minded group would form with the purpose of raising money for an expansion of the arena here.

"We were all affected by the accident, we had worked with Rick and were involved with the second sheet," remembers one of the foundation's founding members, Brian Downie. "We wanted a tribute to Rick and to Paul and do something within the city's recreation program in a project such as this."

The group began talking in early 1994 and by mid-year, had the basics for the foundation in place. Its primary goal was to raise money to assist the construction of a second sheet of ice at the arena, long a goal of the minor hockey organization in the city.

The foundation began raising money through auctions and contributed to the plans for an arena expansion as part

of city's move to hold a referendum on the subject of borrowing money for the project.

The subsequent referendum was held in the city and surrounding rural area in 1995. It didn't pass and the foundation then became involved with the city in plans to have a private developer building and operate a second sheet.

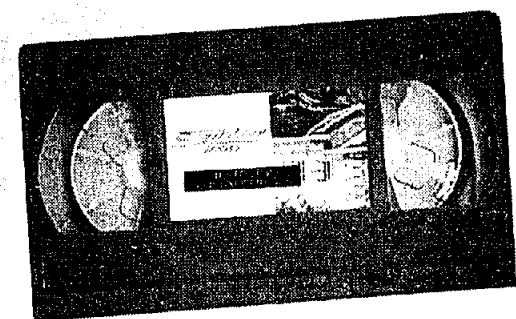
That idea was shelved this year because of economics but the foundation remains convinced that an arena addition will happen eventually because there is a need.

"When teams from outside come here they're amazed at the size of the minor hockey organization and that we have only one rink," says Downie. "They ask us how do we make it work and we say it's a struggle."

With an expanded arena not on the immediate horizon, the foundation is contributing in other ways. It made a \$5,000 donation to improve the arena's sound system in time for the Northern B.C. Winter Games. And it wants to examine other recreation project possibilities.

"If there's another sports facility proposal, baseball fields for example, we'd be interested in those discussions to see if we have a role to play," says Downie.

The foundation's contribution to the 1995 second sheet of ice effort was \$13,000. It raised \$25,000 in a 1995 auction and held another last year. That resulted in a \$7,000 donation to the Northern B.C. Winter Games held here.



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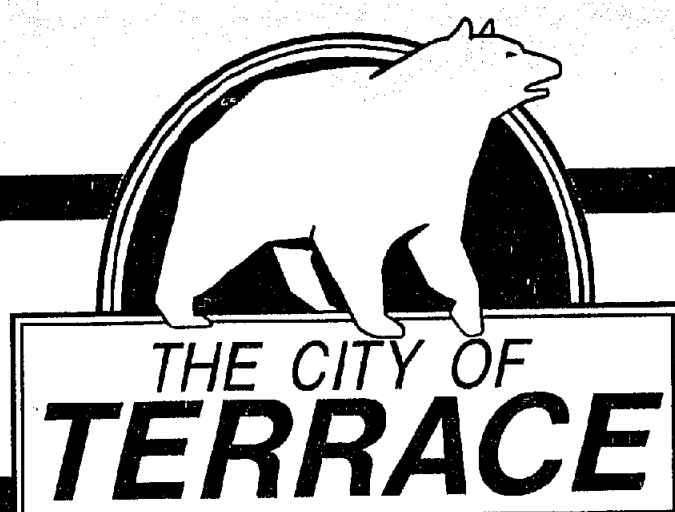
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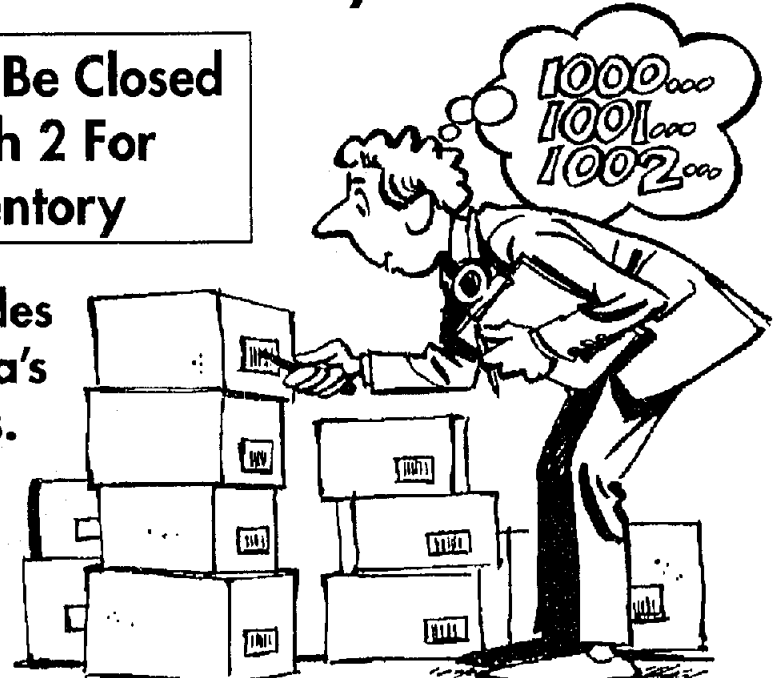
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THE STAFF at the Terrace Volunteer Bureau has expanded over the last five years, to help better serve the community. Lovina Tyler still heads up the bureau and she's been joined by Freda Schmidt, referral coordinator, Sonja Slana, coordinator for seniors' programs, Patricia Woods, in charge of the literacy program and Harold Essensa, who does handyman jobs for seniors.

City has a wealth of ready volunteers

IN THE LAST five years the Terrace Volunteer Bureau has quickly become indispensable to the community.

That's why it's surprising to realize the bureau has only been around for seven years.

The bureau was created in 1990 by Betty Stewart. That first year Stewart concentrated on finding money and volunteers to run the board.

The next year the bureau opened its doors in a small office in the St. Matthews Church building on Lakelse. Volunteers began signing up and in 1992 Lovina Tyler was hired to direct the operation. A steady source of money was also secured through the social services ministry and a guaranteed time slot at bingo.

Tyler began an aggressive marketing plan to recruit volunteers and match them with non-profit agencies who needed volunteer services. New volunteers flooded the bureau and a referral coordinator was hired to assist Tyler.

The bureau's profile in the community began to climb in its second year of operation. The number of volunteers climbed to 312 at one point, and the staffing of the Deep Creek Hatchery was managed for a year out of the bureau.

"This town is so generous," said Tyler. "People are so willing to give their time."

Volunteers were starting to see a benefit as well. Some were finding paid work out of the experience.

Tyler also began referring volunteers who wanted further education, or help with a career plan.

The bureau also hired Freda Schmidt as a referral coordinator during this time.

In 1995 the bureau began focussing on the needs of seniors. The city gave the bureau a start-up grant for a separate seniors program.

Volunteers began spending time with lonely seniors, giving them rides for shopping and appointments and providing phone contact.

"It's amazing, the number of seniors living here with no family," said Tyler.

The bureau also took over the Helping Handyman Program that year. This program assists seniors and people with disabilities on a limited income who need small home repairs.

Handyman Harold Essensa, with the help of trades oriented volunteers, does small home repairs, installs ramps and safety equipment, and provides estimates to clients who require more extensive work.

Volunteers also shovel snow from stairs and walkways, clean outside windows, do general clean-ups and some gardening.

"It helps seniors stay in their homes longer," said Tyler. She recently had a call from an 85-year-old woman who finally acknowledged that at her age she shouldn't be climbing a ladder to clean her second-story windows, and was asking for help.

"They're so proud," said Tyler, and many seniors are unwilling to ask for help. But she reminds them of all the years they've paid taxes.

"That generation built this country. I think our seniors deserve a lot of respect and a lot of help," said Tyler.

Meeting the needs of seniors was a big job though, one which stretched the resources of the bureau.

Last year the bureau acknowledged that it was too big for its quarters in the old church building. Services had tripled since the bureau opened its doors.

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So the bureau signed on with the 747 Air Cadets to sell tickets in a house lottery. With a guarantee of money coming in, the bureau moved to new quarters up the street, next to Hava Java in the 4600 block of Lakelse. Office space expanded enough to let the volunteer bureau become a partner in a new literacy program, called The Community New Readers and New Writers Project.

Two more people were hired — one to work on the literacy project and another to work as receptionist and coordinator of seniors programs.

Now the bureau has nearly 300 registered volunteers. Some volunteer regularly while others have full time jobs, and just help out specific times, like at Christmas or with the heart and stroke foundation.

If you assigned a dollar value to their work, Tyler estimates it would come close to a quarter of a million dollars.



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Count on chamber to boost business

STEADY growth and an eye to local needs has made the Terrace and District Chamber of Commerce the largest and most influential body of its kind in the northwest.

Chamber membership has ballooned from 140 a decade ago to more than 350 today.

Along with that size increase has come a more proactive stance on many issues important to business.

Chamber vice-president Sharalyn Palagian said that helps everyone.

"The more businesses that prosper the better it is for everybody," she said.

Palagian says the chamber aims to stay on top of all important issues affecting the economic well-being of the area.

Those issues range from WCB to government issues, forestry, fisheries, tourism and education — and many more.

Palagian said they do that by involving many local people from all sectors of the economy on the chamber board.

"We want representation from all those areas so when issues in those areas come up we've got somebody with expertise on the board who can deal with them," she said.

Chamber manager Bobbie Phillips said it's been over the last five years that the chamber has become more actively involved in provincial issues — rather than simply local matters.

Chamber director Gerry Martin, for example, sits on the provincial chamber of commerce board. He's also been heavily involved in a province wide advisory body concerned with the complicated matter of land claims.

Former president Sharon Taylor, and current director of the chamber, has also sat on provincial bodies promoting chamber-related issues.

"Over the last four years we've had the largest delegation to the B.C. chamber annual general meeting — which shows some measure of our



Bobbie Phillips

commitment to the B.C. chamber in supporting them provincially," Phillips said.

They'll have at least four representatives at the provincial chamber's meeting this year in Penticton, she said.

Phillips said other chamber involvement in the community includes assistance to local businesses, promotions aimed at encouraging people to shop locally, and awards recognizing excellence in local business.

Tourism is also a key economic factor involving the chamber as it operates a tourist information centre from its quarters on Hwy 16 each summer.

Those quarters were recently renovated, bringing a modern and efficient touch to the chamber's tourist information, business information and business office capabilities.

Perhaps the best testament to the success of the chamber here is the dramatically growing Terrace business community.

The chamber's annual Terrace Trade Show each spring — this year it's April 25-27 — is perhaps the group's best annual showcase. All 80 spaces were sold out by the end of January — the fastest ever.

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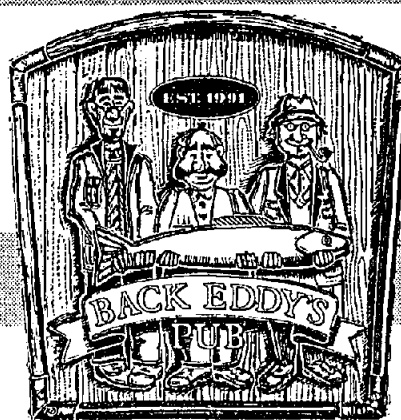
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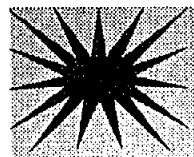
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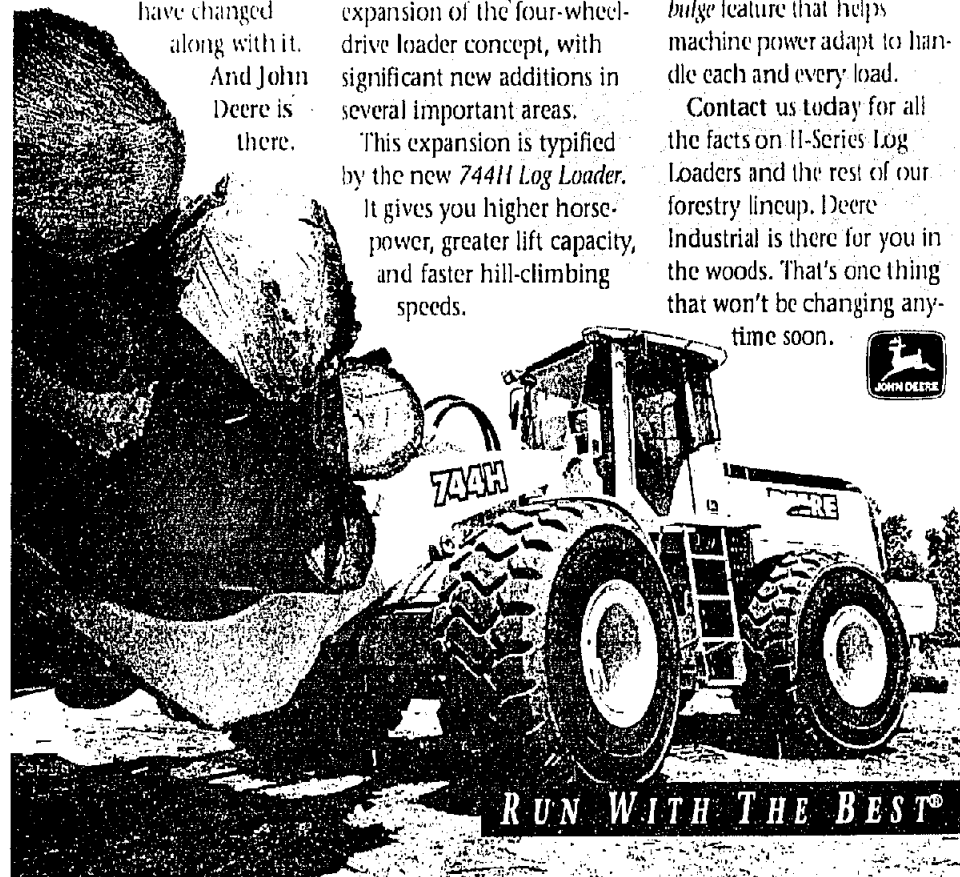
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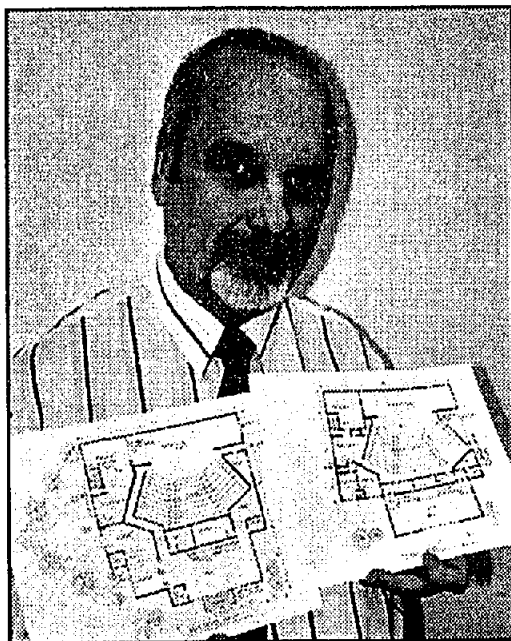
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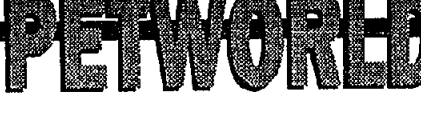
Arts culture thrives here

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